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TRIPLE FLYING DISASTER.

THREE "HERMES" AIRMEN KILLED IN CRASH.

SHOCKING TERMINATION TO SERIES OF STUNTS.

EXPLOSION WHILE IN AIR.

Flying Officer A. W. B. Hale, R.A.F., Lieut. J. H. P. Graham, R.N., and Telegraphist Jackson were killed this morning in a shocking air disaster, which occurred as the distressing termination of a series of exercises carried out by a number of aircraft attached to H.M.S. Hermes.

The plane was a big Fairey 3D three-seater seaplane and the nature of the accident, the cause of which is unknown, suggests that the unfortunate officers died almost instantaneously.

The tragedy, which occurred just after eleven o'clock, took place almost alongside the Hermes and in full view of the ship's personnel and many who had been watching the exercises from the Naval Yard and adjacent premises.

The seaplane, which had earlier in the morning, carried out an almost bewildering series of "stunt" evolutions, was volplaning towards the ship when it suddenly went out of control, toppled alarmingly on one side, exploded with a loud noise, and crashed into the harbour only a few yards off the side of the ship.

So far, the only body recovered is that of Flying Officer Hale, and it is thought probable that the funeral will take place to-morrow.

CRASH UNDER STERN OF "HERMES."

Flying Officer A. W. B. Hale, in it is believed, a Fairey 3D three-seater plane, was one of a number aloft during the morning accompanied by two passengers and for some time previous to the crash had carried out many "stunt" manoeuvres, including looping and somersaulting. These had been accomplished without mishap and, strangely enough, disaster overtook him as he was about to alight on the water.

The machine was seen approaching the water, at a height of about 200 feet, and had just passed over and close to H.M.S. Titania, which is alongside the outer wall of the Naval Yard.

It was descending at a fairly acute angle—almost in a vertical plane—and when observers were expecting it to soar slightly again for a steady landing it apparently went out of control, was seen to "wobble" violently, and partially topple to one side.

Loud Explosion.
A loud explosion occurred in the next instant and the machine burst into flames, giving out large volumes of smoke.

With a roar and at great speed, it crashed into the sea, striking the water so closely to the stern of H.M.S. Hermes, that it is thought that the forepart or a wing of the machine must have struck the side of the vessel.

Terrific Crash.
In the words of one eye-witness: "The machine had just finished looping the loop and was 'zooming' down to the sea, apparently about to alight, when it failed to rise, fell over a little on one side, and then exploded with a very loud noise. It looked as though it was going to carry on and strike the Hermes but it reached the sea-level just before and hit the water with great force. It was then burning furiously. Boats went to it immediately but it had sunk before they were able to do anything to help."

"Fancy Flying."
Another version of the seaplane's crash was given by Chinese boat people who were in a sampan near the Hermes at the time. They referred to the numerous seaplanes which were in the air during the morning and stressed the fact that many of them were doing "fancy flying."

They believe the seaplane which crashed to be somewhat larger than many of the others and say that the plane came low down as if to drop beside the Hermes. The plane flew very low and then, instead of coming down at a gradual angle to take to the sea, seemed to wobble and dive down suddenly.

According to the boat people the plane burst into flames just before, or as it touched the water. A dense mass of smoke shot up and soon there were big flashes of flame just against the stern of the Hermes where the plane fell.

Blazing Plane.

The boatpeople are unable to say whether the plane or any parts of it sank immediately but they say that numerous tugs and launches went to the spot, apparently with the object of rescuing the flying officers. The boats were unable to approach owing to the flaming mass. Their story continues that as efforts to locate the men in the plane from the sea failed a rope was lowered by men on the stern of the Hermes. They further say that this rope hauled up a man presumably dead, who was "very blackened."

They apparently saw nothing more, apart from the efforts made to locate any parts of the plane which were below water.

Previous Tragedy.

The flying tragedy is the second occurring in Hongkong to a plane from H.M.S. Hermes, the first occurring on July 13th last year when Flying Officer L. W. H. Phillips was killed in a crash near Cheung Chau.

He was flying a light reconnaissance machine of the Flycatcher type and had been "stunting" over Cheung Chau, when his plane slipped into a nose-dive and crashed into the sea. A muffled explosion was heard as the plane struck the water, but nothing was ever found of the machine or the deceased officer, except the floats.

Those were picked up by Messrs. Lowe and Wilson, eye-witnesses of the disaster, who made for the scene immediately in a sampan in hope of being able to rescue the officer.

The search was abandoned on the following day, and impressive funeral rites conducted over the scene.

The aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. Hermes, returned to Hongkong only a fortnight ago, after refitting and recommissioning at Chatham. Wing-Commander H. J. F. Hunter, M.C., from the R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars, is the Senior Air Force Officer on board, having succeeded Wing-Commander B. L. Huddleston, D.S.O.

BRITISH PROPERTY SEIZED.

OUTRAGE BY HSUCHOW AUTHORITIES.

GOVERNMENT DECIDING WHAT ACTION TO TAKE.

HANKOW DEBENTURES

London, April 2.
Serious anti-British action by the Chinese authorities at Hsuehchow, involving the seizure and sale of a British firm's property, was mentioned in the House of Commons at question-time today.

Sir Nicholas Grattan-Doyle asked the Foreign Secretary if he was aware that the Chinese authorities in Honan had taken from a warehouse leased by a British company at Hsuehchow, on the Peking-Hankow Railway, a quantity of Chinese produce which had been purchased by the company, and temporarily stored in the warehouse; and that the Chinese authorities had removed and sold the produce and forcibly prevented the inspection of the warehouse by the foreign employees of the company.

Seized and Sold.

He asked whether the Foreign Office proposed to take steps to ascertain who took and sold the produce and to whom it was sold, and further to obtain satisfaction for the confiscation and sale of private property.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that he was aware of the matters mentioned in the questions, and stated that he was consulting with His Majesty's Consul-General at Hankow as regards the steps to be taken in regard to the case. (Hsuehchow is in Nationalist territory, and is being used as the base headquarters in connexion with the Northern campaign.)

Home Taxpayer Suffers.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was also referred, in the Commons, to the arrears in the Hankow Municipal Debentures, one of the sorest points on the question of the return of the Concession.

The Foreign Secretary pointed out that provision would be made in the 1928 Budget for this year's interest, and said that the Councilors had expressed the opinion that last year's interest should be made good by the Nationalist authorities.

Mr. H. W. Laker declared that some British subjects had put their entire savings into the Bonds of the Hankow Municipal authorities.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said he was not aware that such was the case, and he could only express regret if they did. He was unable to say what prospects existed of the Nationalist Government making the payment good.—*Reuter.*

END OF AFGHAN KING'S TOUR OF BRITAIN.

LEAVES FOR HOME VIA RUSSIA ON THURSDAY.

London, Apr. 2.
The King and Queen of Afghanistan motored from London this morning to Windsor Castle. They were received by King George and Queen Mary with whom they lunched, afterwards making a tour of the castle.

The Afghan Royal visitors then bade their final farewell to King George and Queen Mary. Before leaving Windsor, King Amanullah placed a wreath on the tomb of King Edward.

King Amanullah and Queen Souraya go to Paris on Thursday en-route for Afghanistan. On their way home, they will pay State visits to Russia and Persia.—*British Wireless.*

THE RUBBER PROBLEM.

BRITISH AND DUTCH GROWERS CONFERENCE.

London, Apr. 2.
The Rubber Growers' Association met the Committee of the Dutch Rubber Producers, after which the Association appointed a committee to confer further with the Dutch committee.—*Reuter.*

QUEEN'S NEPHEW IN CAR SMASH.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT ON PARIS LYONS ROAD.

COMPANION KILLED.

Paris, Apr. 2.
Viscount Trematon, the eldest son of the Earl of Athlone, and a nephew of Queen Mary, was involved in a serious motor accident on the Paris-Lyons road near Belleville-sur-Saone to-day.

The car shot off the road and crashed into a tree, Mr. Kenneth Madocks, one of his friends was killed, and all the other occupants were badly injured.

Viscount Trematon is now in hospital at Belleville-sur-Saone and it is believed he is severely injured. The Viscount is not yet 21 years of age and was making a motor-tour of France.

The British Embassy has announced that Viscount Trematon's condition is satisfactory. He has

NANKING AGREEMENT SATISFACTORY.

U. S. Now Talking of Treaty Revision.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Washington, Apr. 2.
Coincident with the State Department's announcement of the settlement of the Nanking incident as satisfactory to the United States, Mr. Frank B. Kellogg has issued a statement renewing the pledge made on January 1st, 1927, that the United States is willing to open negotiations for new treaties to replace the so-called "unequal treaties," whenever a delegation fairly representative of all China requested such an action.—*Reuter's American Service.*

POLISH-LITHUANIAN PROBLEMS.

COMMISSIONS TO CONSIDER POINTS OF DISPUTE.

Berlin, Apr. 2.
The Polish-Lithuanian Conference at Koenigsberg has concluded an agreement to appoint commissions, in the first place, to deal with trade and communications to sit at Kovno, secondly, to deal with the security question to sit at Warsaw with the aim of concluding a non-aggression pact, and thirdly, to deal with the frontier traffic problem, to sit at Berlin.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN FINANCIAL COMBINE.

TAKES OVER NEW DANISH LOAN.

Copenhagen, Apr. 2.
A new Danish Government loan of \$55,000,000 at 4½ per cent, has been taken over at the price of 99.037 by an American syndicate, consisting of the Guaranty Trust Company, the International Acceptance Bank, Messrs. Dillon Read and Company, and the Union Trust Company.—*Reuter.*

PREMIER'S PLANS FOR WHITSUN.

TO VISIT BATTLEFIELDS IN FLANDERS.

London, April 2.
The Premier has expressed his intention of visiting the battlefields on the Western Front during the Whitsun Holiday. Accompanied by Mrs. Baldwin, he hopes to leave London for France on Tuesday, May 29.—*British Wireless.*

SALT AND OPIUM SMUGGLING.

THE WEST RIVER EVIL.

SHIPOWNERS DENY BLAME IS THEIRS.

HONGKONG PETITION.
Contending that because the Hongkong Government is unacquainted with the full circumstances, West River shipowners in Hongkong have been wrongfully held to blame for smuggling salt and opium, shipping companies engaged in the trade between this Colony and Wuchow are presenting a Petition to the Governor-in-Council on the subject.

They contend that, notwithstanding all they can do and have done, it is impossible for them to find effective means to prevent smuggling, and that the measures at present adopted by the authorities are inadequate. Accordingly, they make a number of suggestions to the Government in order that the evil may be minimised.

The Petition, a copy of which has been forwarded us by the West River Shipowners' Association, is signed by nearly all the owners of West River steamers—namely, the Sai Hing S.S. Co., the Kwong Hing Co., Ltd., the Kwong Wo Co., Ltd., the Kwong On Co., Ltd., the Ham Hing S.S. Co., Ltd., the Tai Hong Co., Ltd., the Wo On Co., and Mr. Hung Hing-tat. It has been prepared by Messrs. Denecons, the well-known legal firm.

Six Proposals.

The petitioners' suggestions to the Hongkong Government are as follows:
To introduce new legislation prohibiting salt to be exported from Hongkong to the West River Ports.

To place Revenue Officers on board the West River steamers permanently to supervise search for contraband.

To employ experienced detectives to travel on the West River steamers to find out who are the real smugglers and their ways and means of smuggling.

To make it a part of the Indian guards' duties to search for salt and opium on the West River steamers.

To transfer the guards from one steamer to another steamer every three months so as to frustrate any arrangement or understanding the guards may have made with the smugglers.

To ask the Chinese Maritime Customs to exercise greater vigilance and rigour along the West River ports in searching for opium destined for entry into Hongkong.

Salt Smuggling.
The Petition points out that the contraband now usually smuggled into the interior is salt and that usually smuggled by the river boats into Hongkong is opium. Occasionally arms are smuggled out of Hongkong, but the cases are rare owing probably to the fact that arms are difficult to procure and they cannot so easily be disposed of as the other two commodities.

With regard to salt, the petitioners point out that the law in this Colony does not prohibit its exportation. Neither the Police nor the Revenue Officers will prevent its being carried on board the ships. It is, however, considered contraband by the Authorities, and the entire onus falls upon those who own or control ships running to a Chinese port to see that no salt is stowed on-board their ships.

The petitioners state that have been exceedingly vigilant in this respect, for not only have they given strict instructions to the ships' officers and crew and also the Indian guards to prevent salt being brought on board, they themselves and their managers frequently make tours round the ships before they sail for the purpose of detecting contraband.

Neither the Chinese crew nor the Indian guards, however, can be relied upon for the prevention of salt smuggling. The Chinese crew are either in league with the smugglers or they are the smugglers themselves and the Indian guards are generally known to be paid for conniving at.

Smoothing Things Over.
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ROYAL OAK COURT MARTIAL.

"DELIBERATE INSULT" BY ADMIRAL COLLARD.

CAPTAIN DEWAR'S WARM SUPPORT OF ACCUSED OFFICER.

"INTENSE INDIGNATION."

Strong comment was made by Captain Dewar when the court-martial on Commander Daniel was resumed at Gibraltar yesterday.

After stating that when he became Executive Officer he found H.M.S. Royal Oak "a sort of dead ship," he paid a warm tribute to Commander Daniel, intimating that he had made a world of difference, improving the morale of both men and officers.

Commander Daniel referred to Admiral Collard's action on his return to H.M.S. Royal Oak after the barge incident as a "deliberate insult." Admiral Collard ignored the officers drawn up to receive him and did not return Captain Dewar's salute.

This was seen by the ratings, and he submitted a report since he believed that unless there was a total stoppage of such incidents, the morale of the ship would be affected.

Lieut. Commander Murray said that the incident at the dance caused intense indignation among the officers.

MARINE MAJOR'S STRONG RESENTMENT

Gibraltar, Apr. 2. Referring to the disembarkation Some dramatic moments ensued incident on March 5th, Commander at the end of the examination of Daniel said that when Captain Commander Daniel, arising over Dewar told him the Admiral the question of reading out the required a written report about the letter which Daniel had written to the der, he consulted the officers of the ship's company of H.M.S. H.M.S. Royal Oak, who were quite

The President, Captain Burges Watson, suggested it would not be in the best interests of the accused to read the letter.

Mr. Day Kimball remarked that it seemed to be making a mountain out of a molehill and the letter was accordingly not read.

The Prosecutor then cross-examined Commander Daniel, but the President prevented him from asking questions about Rear-Admiral Collard's remarks with regard to ladies sitting out at the dance.

Deliberate Insult.
Commander Daniel described the incident occurring on Admiral Collard's return to the Royal Oak, when he cut Captain Dewar, himself and other officers standing at the salute as "a deliberate insult."

He did not disagree with the witnesses for the prosecution about their definition of discipline. They meant obeying orders. He meant another sort of discipline, which he called morale.

Commander Daniel said that the Lieut.-Commanders whom he consulted told him that his report did not overstate the events. The Navigation Officer agreed that unless such incidents were totally stopped there was no chance of getting a good morale in the ship.

Letter to Ship's Company.
After the Court of Enquiry had removed him from H.M.S. Royal Oak, he went to London, called at the Admiralty. He also wrote a letter which he handed to Major Alwood for rapid transmission to the ship's company. The Court queried the advisability in Commander Daniel's interest of reading the letter, and Mr. Day Kimball said it was not material.

Commander Daniel, cross-examined, denied having known that his report to Captain Dewar was intended for the Admiral.

The Prosecutor read a passage from the minutes of the Court of Enquiry, in which Commander Daniel said he knew his report would go to the Admiral.

He agreed, in reply to further questions, that his letter went beyond what he was asked to do.

Took Serious Step.
He agreed that he brought extraneous matters and that in doing so, he took a "serious step." Commander Daniel added that the easy way out would have been to say nothing as regards reading the Captain's letter in the ward-room. He knew no other way of securing evidence for the Court of Enquiry.

Commander Daniel was the "next witness called," and he declared that he thought "Commander Daniel's letter was a proper one bandmaster and reported what he had done to Rear-Admiral Collard, and thanked him for "getting me out of a damned nasty hole."

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GOVERNMENT APPRECIATION

The following copies of correspondence are forwarded by the Colonial Secretary:

On March 29 Mr. Bernard wrote to the Hon. Mr. E. N. Hallifax, Colonial Secretary:

Sir,—I am due to leave Hongkong on April 3, and shall not be returning. It is therefore, with very much regret that I have to tender my resignation from the Executive and Legislative Councils with effect from that date.

I have greatly appreciated the honour conferred upon me by His Excellency the Governor in appointing me a Member of the Councils, and have always endeavored to carry out my duties to the best of my ability.

I sincerely hope that it will not be long now before the troubles and difficulties experienced in the last few years come to an end, and the Colony again returns to a state of prosperity and progress from which it has had a temporary setback.

Will you please convey to His Excellency my thanks and appreciation for the courtesy and consideration with which he has always listened to any comments I have made in regard to matters before the Councils.

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows, yesterday:

Sir,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th March, 1928, tendering your resignation from the Executive and Legislative Councils on your departure from the Colony.

His Excellency desires me to express to you his high appreciation of the valuable services which you have rendered to the Colony in the many forms of public activity with which you identified yourself, and in particular for your work as a Member of the Councils.

The troublous times experienced by the Colony of recent years have called for cool judgment and balanced leadership, and your efforts both as a Member of the Councils and as a leading member of the commercial community have largely contributed to the restoration of confidence, which now justifies your hope that a return to prosperity and progress will not be long delayed.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF PROMINENT CHINESE SPORTSMAN.

Much regret will be felt in sporting circles in the Colony at the death yesterday afternoon of Mr. Yew Man-tsun, the well known Chinese lawn tennis player and cricketer.

The late Mr. Yew Man-tsun had been in ill-health for many months, suffering from tuberculosis. He passed away at 3.30 yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Yew Man-tsun was a very keen sportsman, taking a great interest in cricket and in lawn tennis. He was prominently identified with the activities of the Chinese Recreation Club at Causeway Bay, and was one of its most valued members. Five or six years ago he played regularly for the Club's cricket team and headed both the batting and bowling averages. In the last few years, however, he has confined himself principally to tennis, at which he was one of the Club's foremost players, regularly appearing for the "A" team in the League and also competing in both the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the Colony.

Mr. Yew was a member of a well known Hongkong family, to whom much sympathy will be extended in their bereavement.

Noted Danish Woman Dead.

Copenhagen, Mar. 26.

The only woman who ever held a Cabinet post in the Danish Government died here to-day.

She was Mrs. Nine Bang, 62 years old.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

"CHINA" EXHIBITION.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—We shall be grateful for the hospitality of your columns in publicly acknowledging the services of the undermentioned in connection with the "China" Exhibition. The services in question were freely and willingly given (in some cases volunteered) and we are very sensible of our indebtedness to the firms and individuals referred to for their kind co-operation. On behalf of the Committee—Yours, etc.,

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The Lecturers and Artists who contributed to the programme:—The Revs. H. R. Wells and G. H. McNair, Mr. R. E. Lindell, The Principal, Staff and Students (past and present) of St. Stephen's Girls' College, Misses M. Ah Wee and Rachel Wong, and Messrs. Li Chor Chi, Yow Hok Chow and C. S. Lam.

The Hon. Captain Superintendent for the efficient services of the Police, including the Chinese Company of the Police Reserve, and of the Fire Brigade.

The Captain and Officers of H.M.S. Cumberland for use of Band.

The Advertising and Publicity Bureau for valuable services in connection with the programme.

All firms who advertised in the programme.

The China Light and Power Co. (1913) Ltd. for the excellent lighting arrangements.

The Press for their full reports. The United Asbestos Oriental Agency Ltd. and Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. for Fire Extinguishers.

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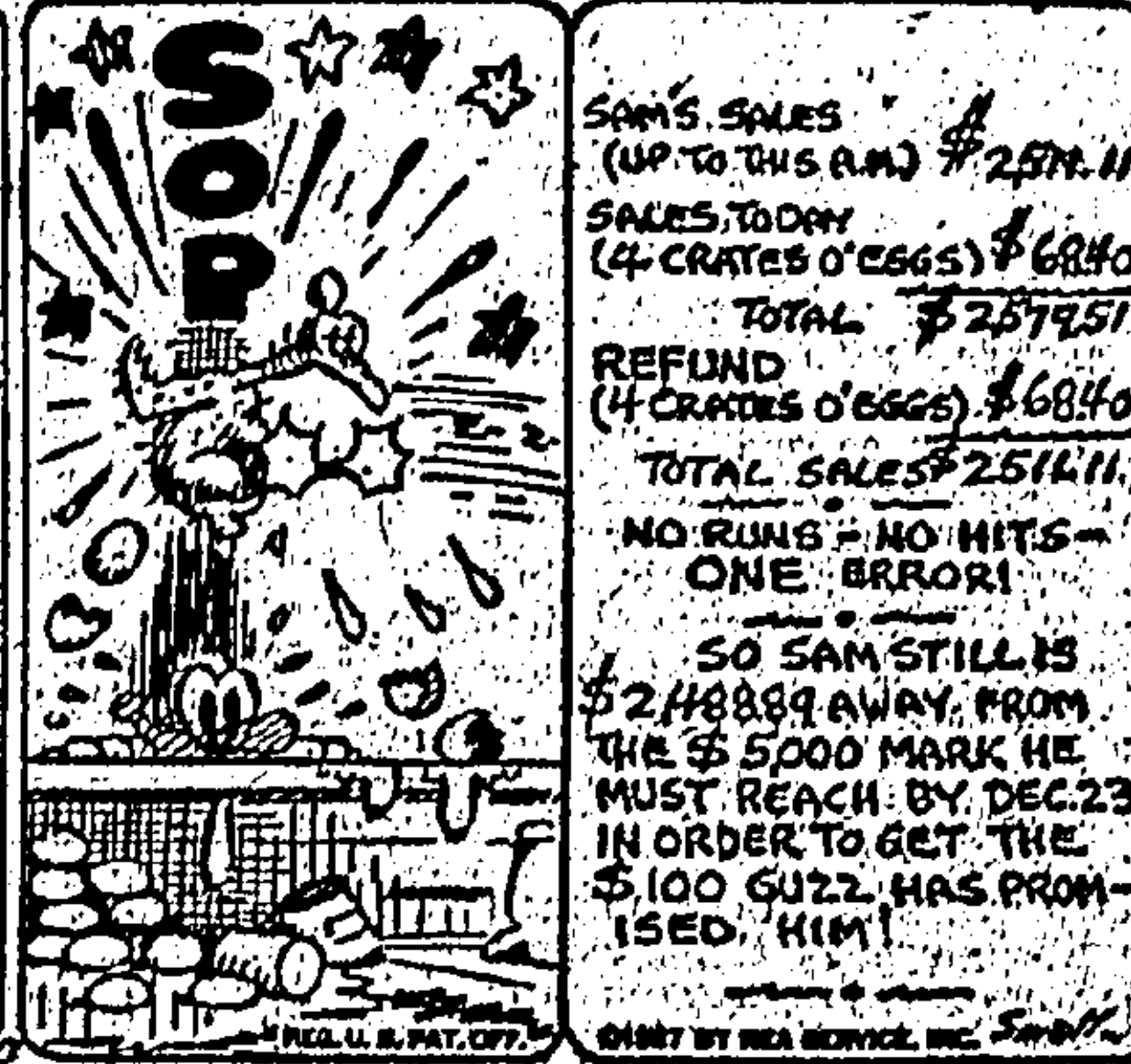
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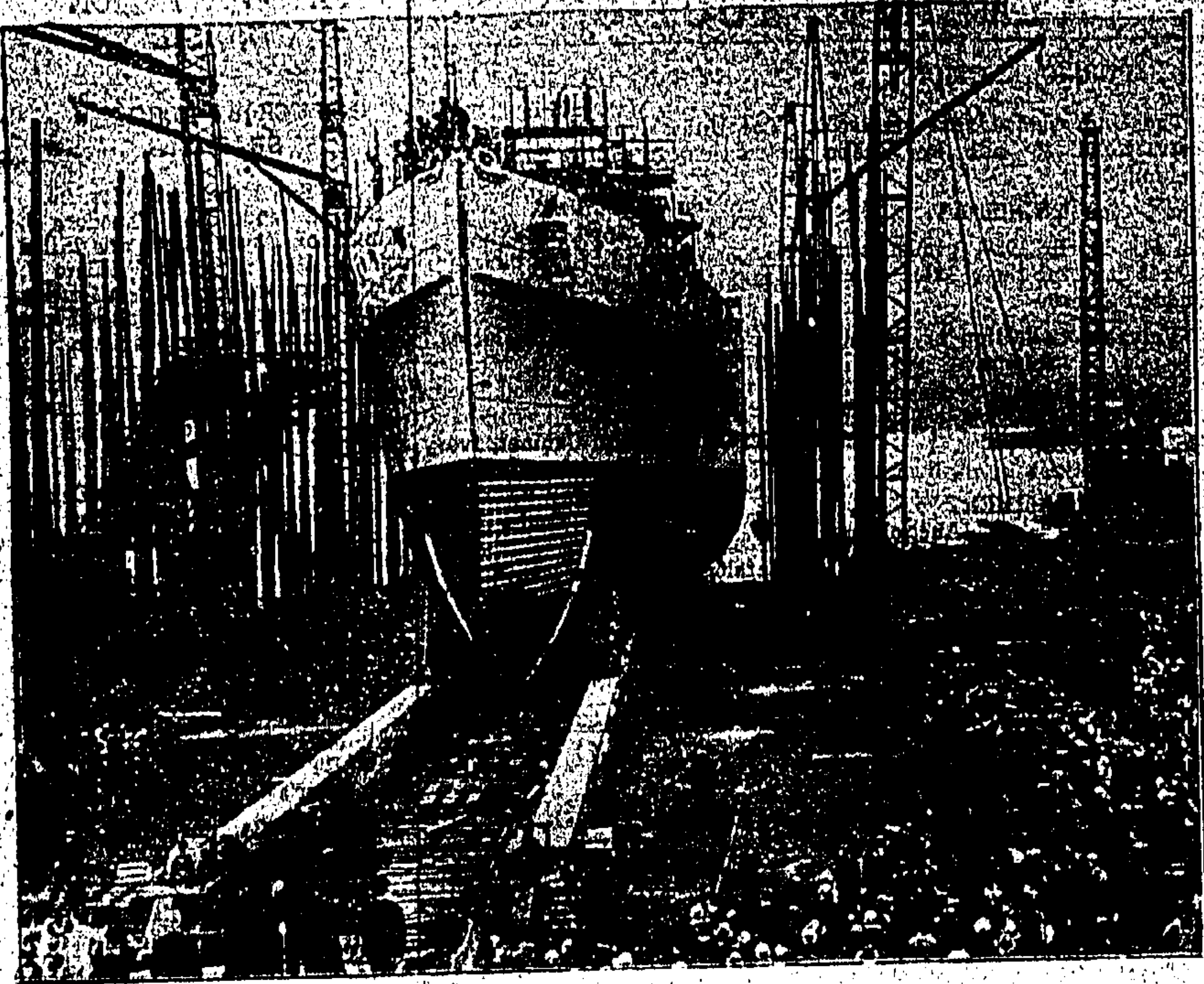
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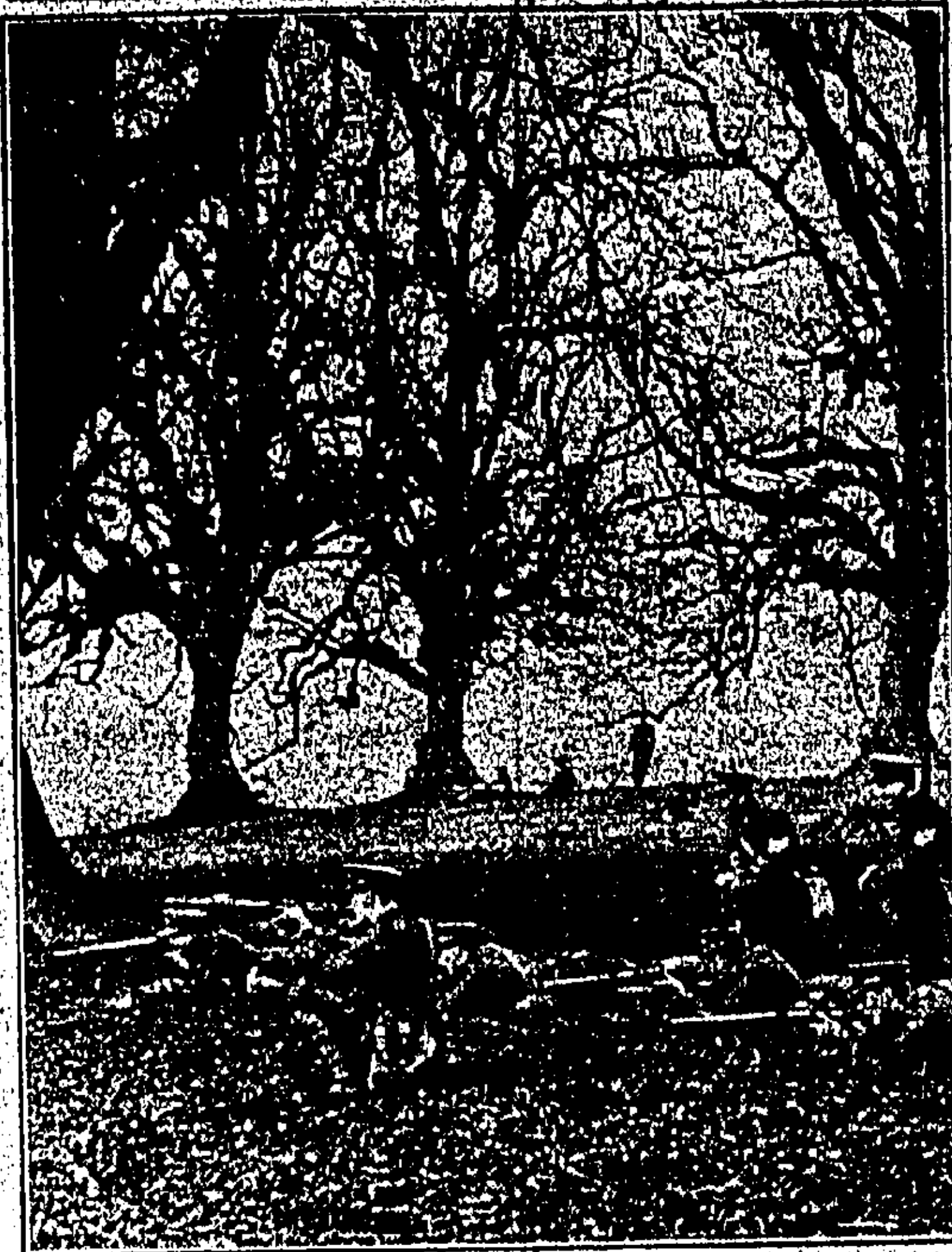
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MUST REACH BY DEC. 23
IN ORDER TO GET THE
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The launch of H. M. S. Sussex at the works of Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie, & Co., at Newcastle-on-Tyne. She is the third cruiser of the 1925 programme and the tenth of the new 10,000-ton Count class. The naming ceremony was performed by Lady Leconfield, wife of Lord Lieutenant of Sussex. (Times copyright).



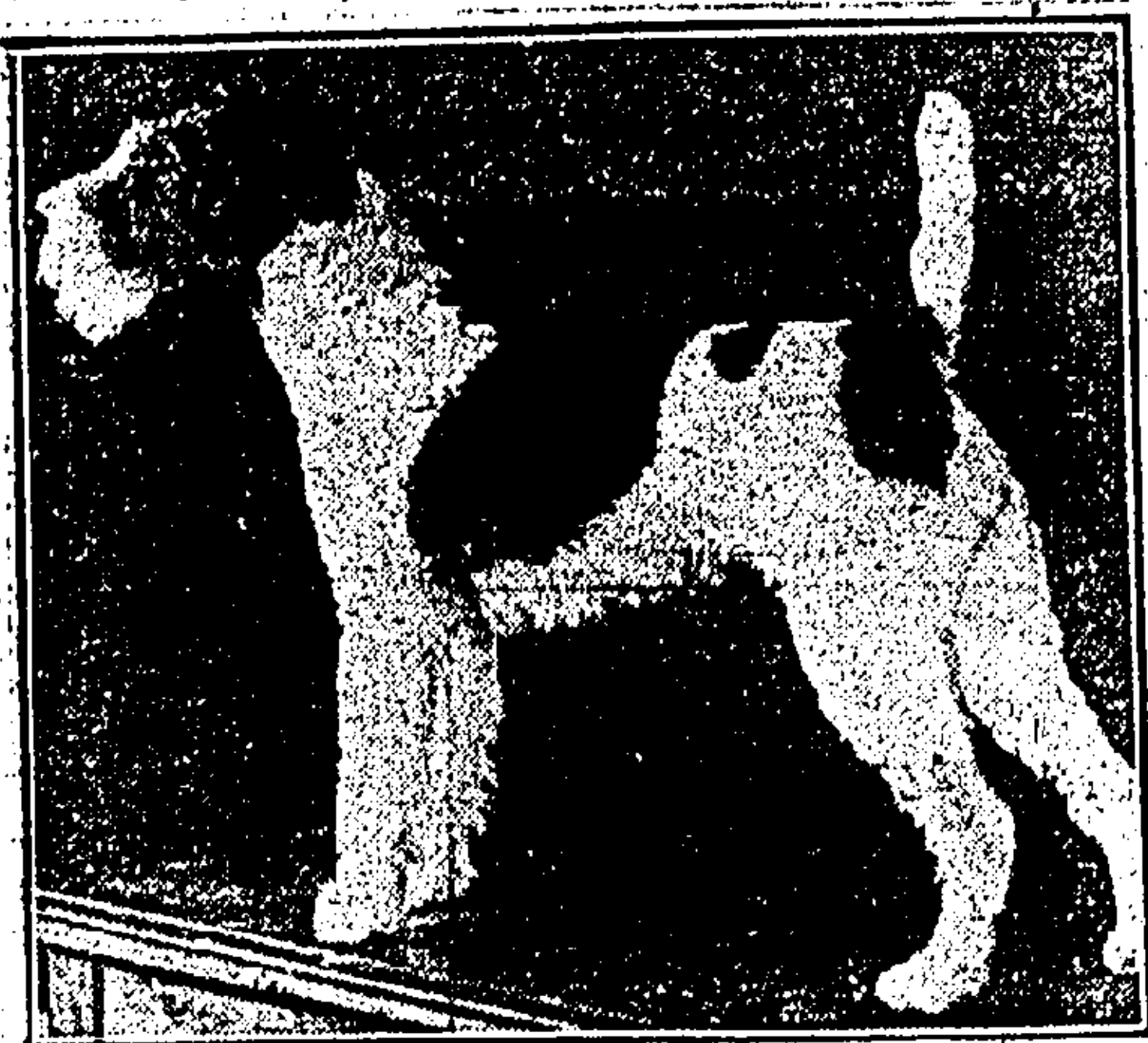
The Eton and Harrow contingents of the Officers' Training Corps were engaged in field operations in Windsor Park recently. Our picture shows an Eton Lewis-gun section posed among trees. (Times copyright).



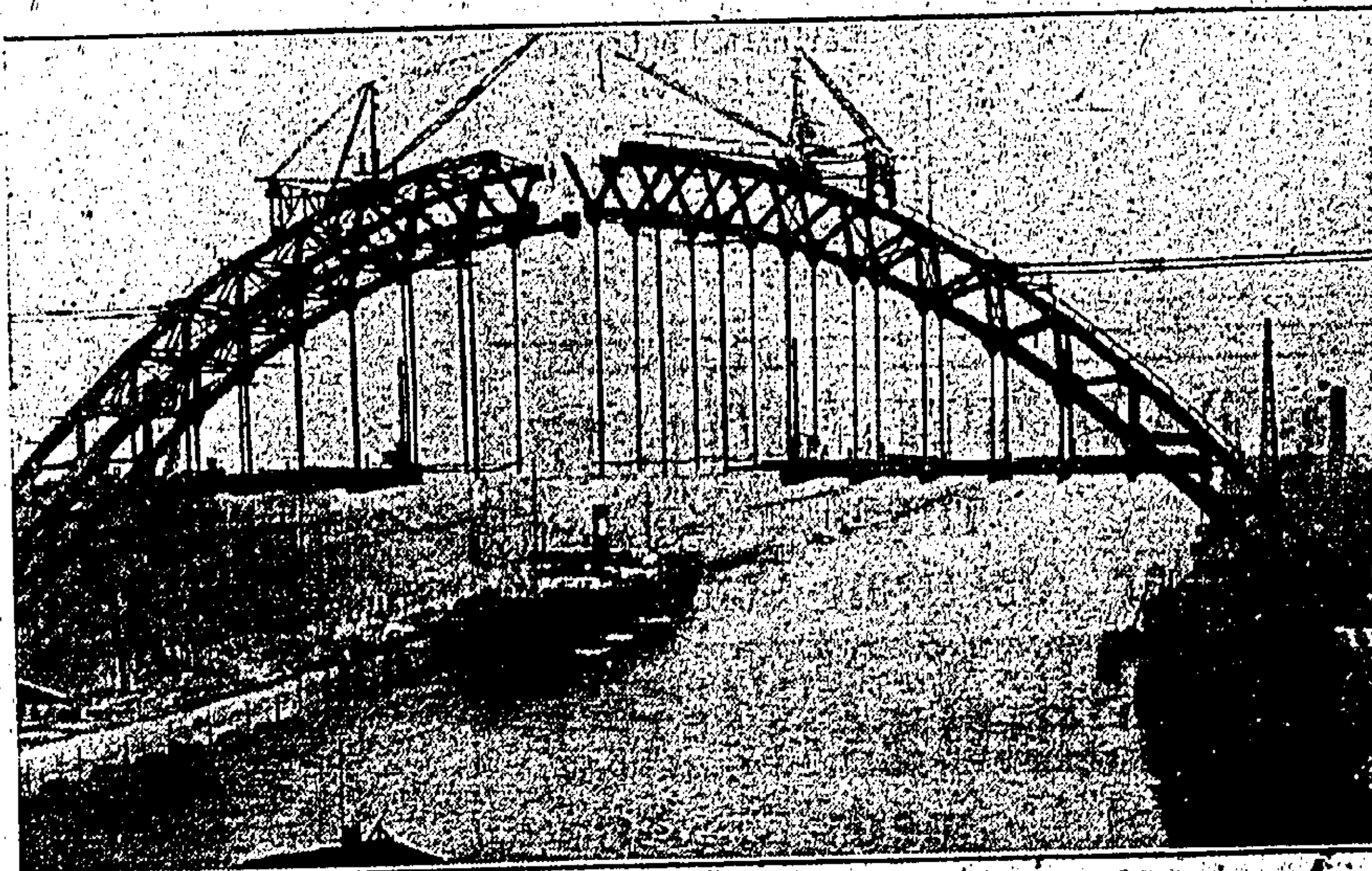
The hamadryas baboon which was recently born on the Monkey Hill of the London Zoological Gardens, is now learning to walk under the guidance of his parents. Our photograph shows the baboon clinging to the rock as he takes his first walk, with the father and mother watching him. (Times copyright).



Our picture shows the Duchess of York, with Lady Grosfield (right) during her visit to the North Islington Infant Welfare Centre and Wards. The centre was founded in 1913. (Times copyright).



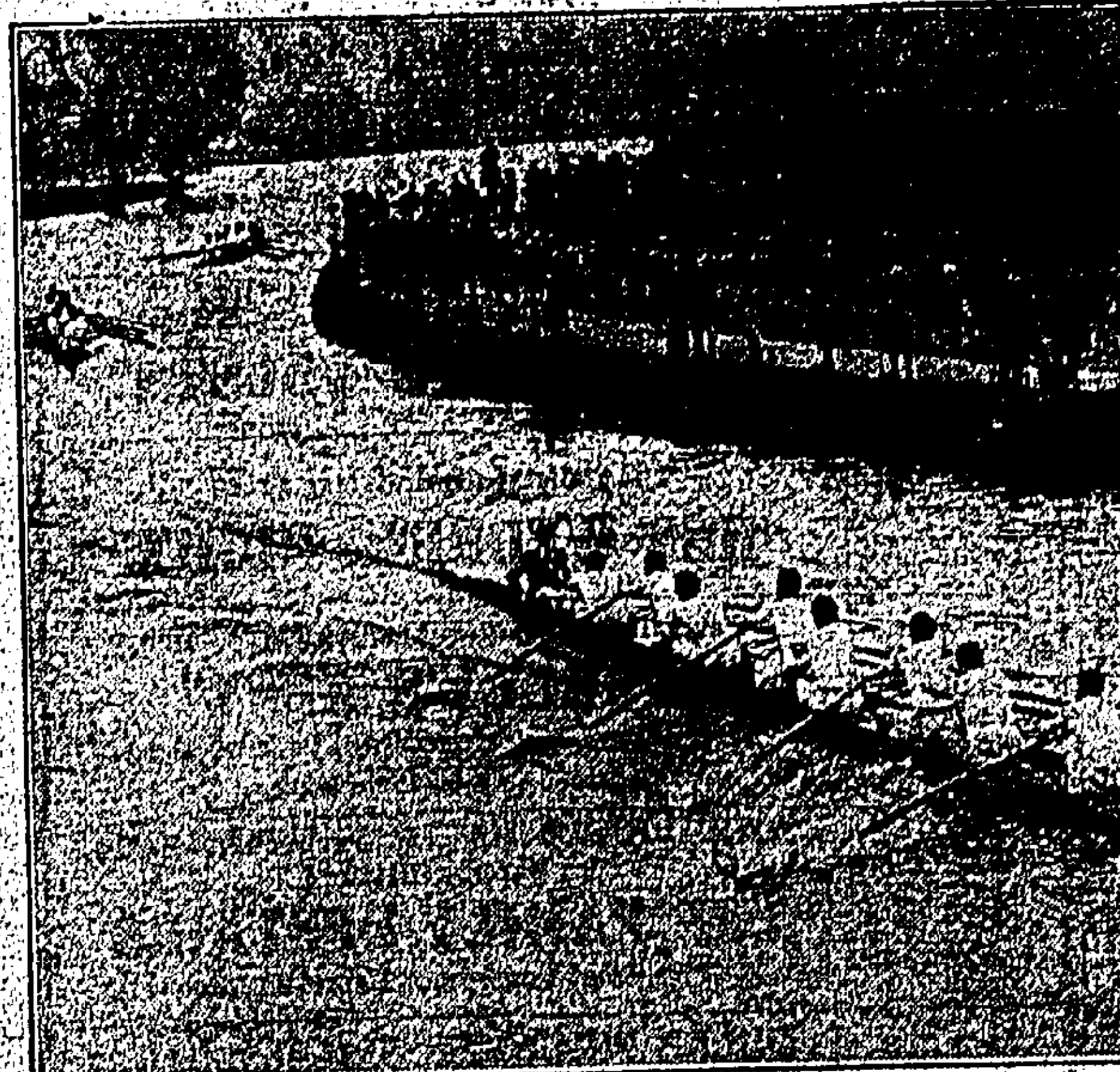
Tolavara Margaret leads a dog's life, but she offers no complaint. There are reasons. For instance, after winning first prize in the wire-haired fox-terrier group over 160 rivals, she was proclaimed the best dog of all in the Westminster Kennel Club's annual show at Madison Square Garden, New York. Reginald M. Lewis of Fairfield Conn., owns Margaret.



The new high-level bridge at Newcastle at its present stage of construction, showing the two halves of the single steel span almost joined. A special feature of the bridge is its 575 feet span. (Times copyright).



The National Trial Steeplechase which was held at Gatwick was again won by Lady Helen McCalmont's Amberwave. The field taking one of the fences on the first time round. The horses nearest the camera are Redlynch, Lordi, Jack Horner, and Amberwave (left). (Times copyright).



The annual bumping-races, known as the Torpids, were begun at Oxford on February 23. Our picture shows The Third Division race in progress with Queen's leading St. Catherine's and University 11. (Times copyright).



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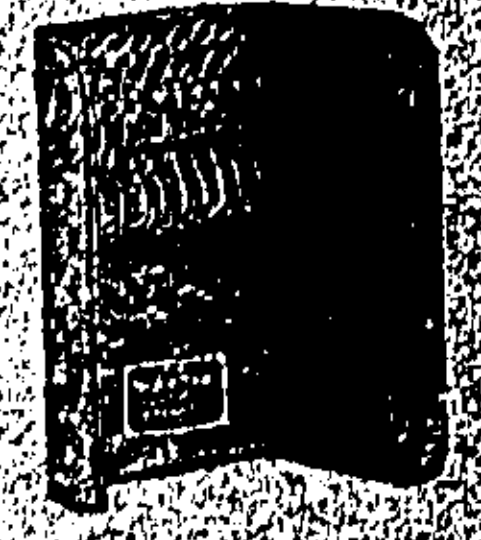
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. Beton late from Hongkong Hotel Beauty Parlour is giving permanent hair waves in her home at No. 2 Pratt Building, Kowloon. For appointment Phone K.945.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Motor Boat, "London" suitable for Picnic or shooting party. Reasonable offer accepted. Further particulars, Apply Box No. 348, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK-HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 6th, 7th and 9th instant. (Easter Holidays.)
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1928.

GREY & HAWKER.

NOTICE.

As on and from the 1st April, 1928, the undersigned will carry on in partnership under the firm name of GREY & HAWKER the business of the Architectural Department of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Ltd.

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GEO. W. GREY,
Chartered Architect.
J. BENTLEY HAWKER,
Chartered Surveyor.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1928.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

The Business and Goodwill of the Architectural Department of this Company will be taken over as a going concern as on and from the 1st April, 1928, by Mr. Geo. W. Grey, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., and Mr. J. Bentley Hawker, who propose to practice under the firm name of GREY & HAWKER, and this Company therefore hereby gives formal notice that it will not be responsible for any liabilities in connection with such business incurred after that date.

For the HONGKONG REALTY & TRUST CO., LTD.

J. H. TAGGART,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1928.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company Limited, will be held in the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of April, 1928, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1927, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 14th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Third Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday 7th, April, and on Monday, 9th April, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on both days.

The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.
The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. per day for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis, at \$5 each per day, up to Friday, 6th April, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge. Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventeenth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 4th April, 1928, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th March, 1928, to the 4th April, 1928, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1928.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the practice hitherto carried on by the undersigned C. A. S. Russ as Lee and Russ, will from the 1st April, 1928, be carried on as RUSS & Co. Dated the 28th day of March, 1928.

C. A. S. RUSS,
No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

We have this day removed OUR OFFICE to Bank of Canton Building, 2nd Floor, Room No. 29 D.
OUR AUCTION ROOM: To French Bank Building Basement.
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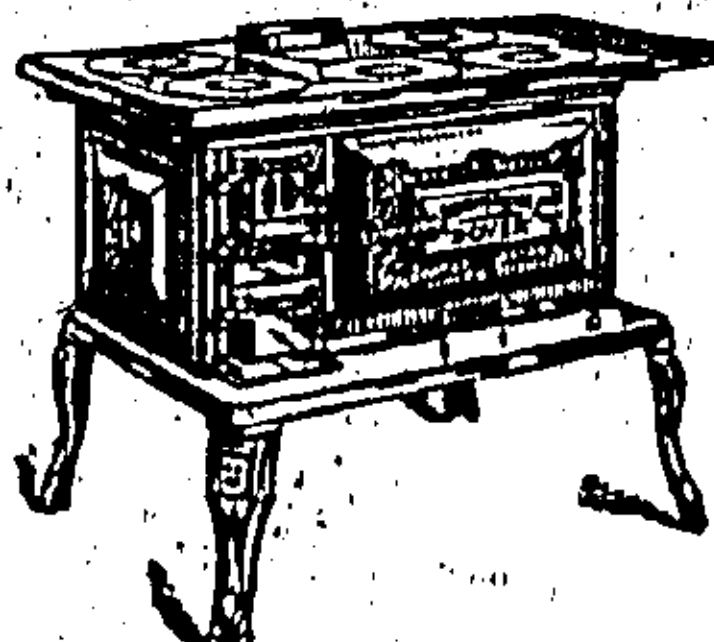
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FATAL AVIATION CRASH.

STRUCK BY FLOCK OF SEAGULLS.

San Francisco, Mar. 26. Second Lieutenant Theodore J. Munchhof, Army pilot, was killed and Master Sergeant William J. Klutz was seriously injured today, when their aeroplane plunged into the bay near the Golden Gate.

Witnesses said they believed that the plane struck a flock of seagulls. The craft fell from an altitude of 500 feet.

The fliers were stationed at Crissy Field. Lieut. Munchhof was 32, married and had two children. Sergt. Klutz is single.

LETTER GOLF.

Its only four steps from BABY to CART according to the letter golf editor's count, which isn't bad



at all if it solves the baby carting problem.



1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

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WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

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COMMUNITY LIFE PASSION.

Miss L. M. Faithfull, J.P., the former principal of Cheltenham Ladies' College, spoke at the Educational Association's Conference in London University recently on "The Advantages and Disadvantages of Corporate Life for Girls and Women."

Women, in their passion for community life, she said, had gone even worse than the men, and turned their clubs, which should be places of relaxation, into entertainment halls. One danger of the excesses of corporate life was the loss of the individual, a man from the difficulty of finding work, and from the trouble of doing it when he found it.

Miss Faithfull further stated: There is solidarity about the English boy which is very protective. The girl is much more easily excited, and in work and play throws herself into the community life. She lives in a state of breathless activity. She is perpetually in a crowd, and she likes it. She feels she wants something else, but she does not know what.

There is a natural inclination on the part of most girls to imitate, to go with the crowd.

It is deplorable that girls of today groom and dress so much alike that identification is often impossible, but they like it.

Individualism is being discouraged if not crushed out by community life.

Mothers are becoming affected by the community life and have no time to cultivate the friendship of their daughters.

"The aim of the girl's high schools is that the girls are being educated for a celibate life," says a writer. I agree. "The future of England does not rest with the non-marrying girls, but with those who do marry." I agree.

Footwear.

SHOES TO MATCH STOCKINGS.

In the coming summer women will have no difficulty in obtaining shoes to match their silk stockings.

Leading shoe manufacturers have asked silk stocking manufacturers for specimens of all their forthcoming hues. In some cases they have bought specimens cover-

Ancient Jewels.

AT THE BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

Interesting jewels, dating from the time of Abraham to the Victorian period, are shown at the British Industries Fair, by the Na-

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Loose Covers.

SOME POINTS TO REMEMBER.

Remember these ten points:— Material of fadeless dye should be bought.

Soft, fine fabric shrinks less than a stiffer and coarser one.

Each piece of furniture should be measured for its suit, though it is helpful to know that an average armchair takes half-a-dozen yards.

Designs of moderate size, in soft, rich colours, are the surest to please. Fabrics with a white ground soils easily, black is apt to lose its blackness, and buff, dove, or gray are usually the best-wearing foundation colours.

A paper pattern is as necessary in cutting a furniture slip as in cutting a frock. This may be easily made in newspaper.

Every portion of the chair or settee needs its own shaped piece. Seams should not be avoided, and the building of the chair should be shown.

A patterned fabric wants careful placing, right side up, and in a symmetrical position.

Seam allowances must be made in cutting, and plenty of material must be allowed for tucking in between all padded portions. Without this "tuckin" it is almost impossible to make the covers sit easily and keep smooth and unwrinkled. It also facilitates their removal for washing purposes.

Piping cord in a bias casing should outline the seaming of the chief portions of the cover so as to define the shape of the chair.

the biblical "Urim and Thummim"—light and perfection—were contemplated.

A narrow Etruscan ring is a marvel of workmanship, being formed of groups of tiny gold granulated beads. The old craft, which is now lost, consisted in blowing each bead through a tube into position. There are 100 of them to 1/4 in. of the ring.

A Greek Marriage Custom. A Greek thumb-nail ring is a cornelian intaglio of a chariot and horses mounted in rough silver.

Part of a Greek marriage-ring is also of romantic interest, for only half the ring is mounted, being for a couple to break a precious stone in half and wear one part each.

Uncut sapphires, crystals, chalcedony and topaz are among the stones forming a necklace, worn, it is said, in the time of Abraham, and recently excavated at Ur of the Chaldees.

ional Jewellers' Association. They have been lent by a well-known authority on old gems. A very interesting exhibit is a diamond-framed miniature of Queen Victoria.

Among the 50 rings is one such as Aladdin might have used to call up the genie. It is known to have been worn as a mystical thumb-ring by an ancient Persian potentate. The centre is the big yellowish tooth of an unknown animal, and the broad gold shank is set with emeralds—one of which is of perfect colour—and amethysts.

Worn by Ancient Hebrew Priests. Also mounted on a thin gold ring, but worn on the ephod of the ancient Hebrew priests, is a pear-shaped rock crystal, through which

ing the whole range of the summer's silk stockings supplies.

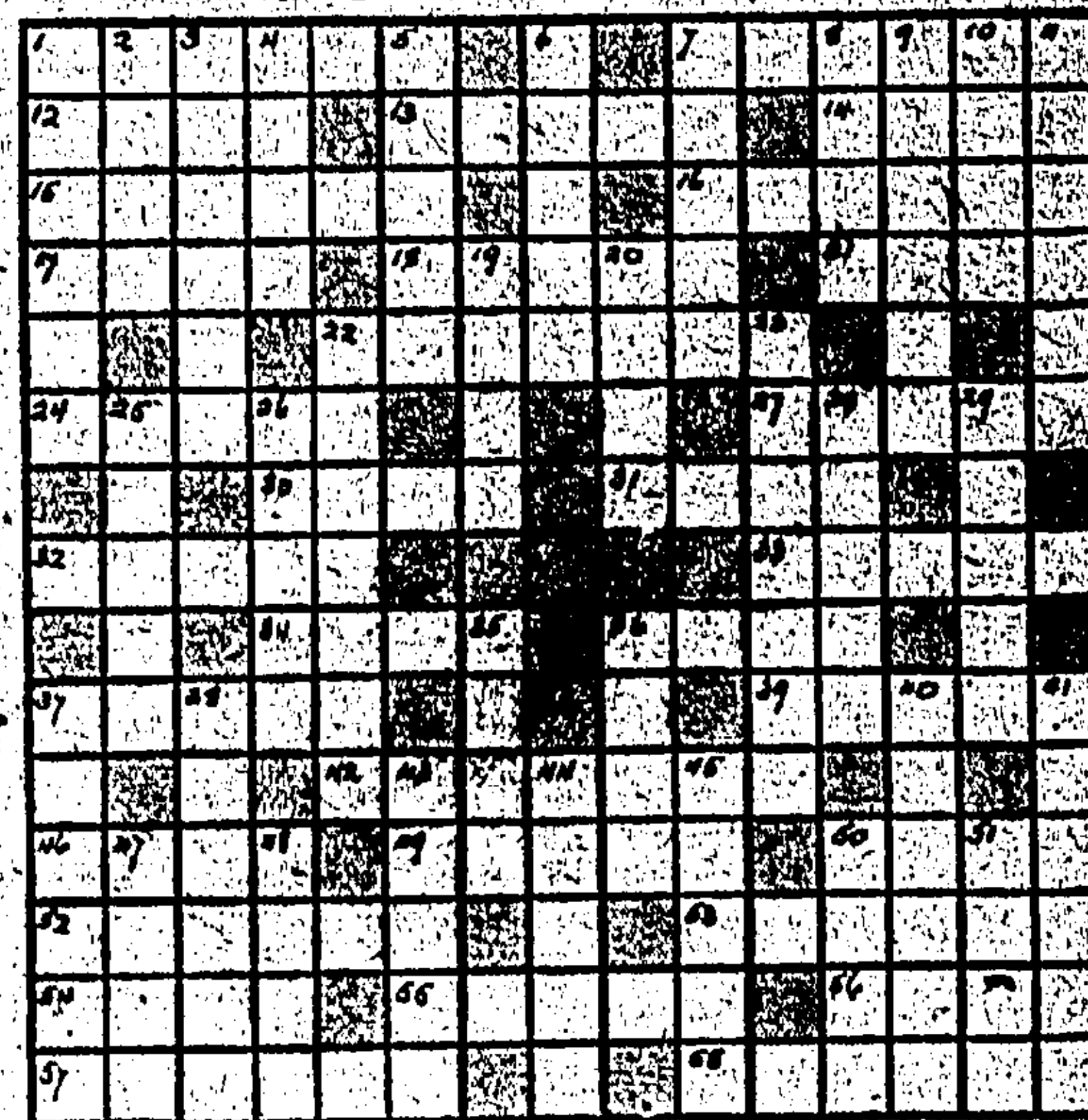
It is not uncommon for one manufacturer to make stockings in 25 to 40 different metallic and pastel hues, so that the shoe trade has its difficulties in matching them all. Many leading shoe manufacturers have accepted the principle that the shoe should be made to match the stocking.

Spring Whim.

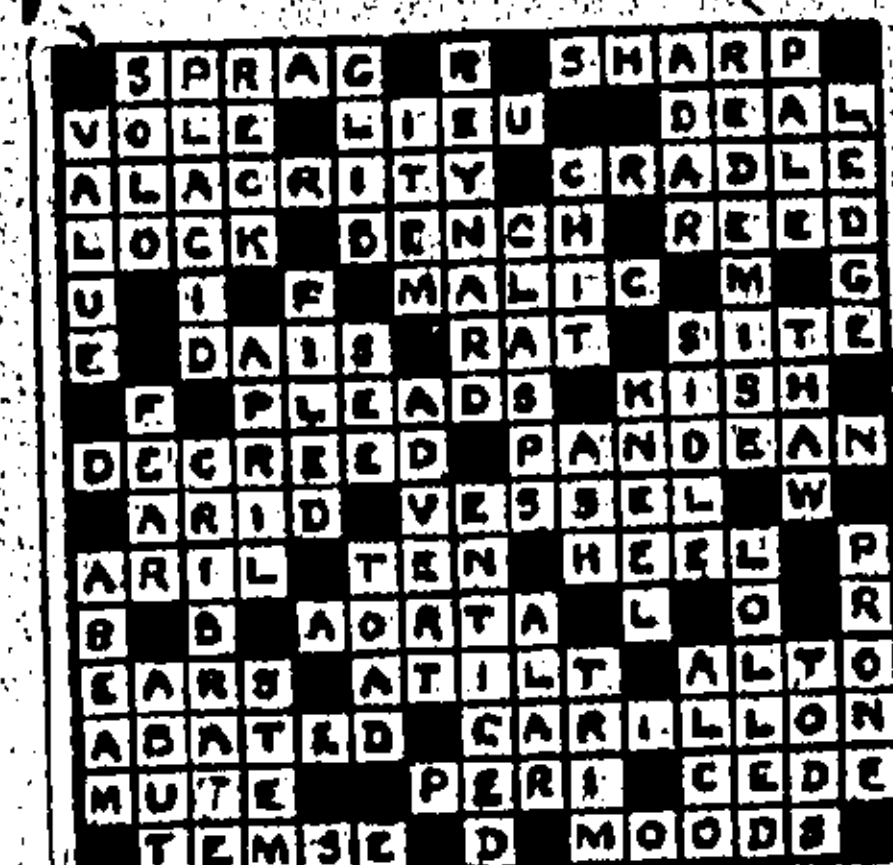


For the spring tailor a silver fob pin on the lapel is very smart.

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- Language of the Cats.
 - At large.
 - Eastern Dancing girl.
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 - Furthest point attained.
 - Remember with self reproach.
 - Compositions of four and water.
 - Grassy plains.
 - Machine for lifting weights.
 - Plate of glass.
 - Dividing.
 - Top of a wave.
 - Evident.
 - Try.
 - Preserve from destruction.
 - Higher in place.
 - Digitigrade carnivorous mammal.
 - Emmas.
 - An odd person.
 - Blaze.
 - Rubber wheel coverings.
 - Make real.
 - Egyptian deity.
 - Regarding.
 - Very small quantity.
 - Additional clauses (Parliamentary).
 - Festival of the Christian church.
 - Delightful region.
 - Stand for paintings.
 - Fast of forty days.
 - Slept.
 - Turns away.
- Down.
- Plant allied to the onion.
 - On the lee side (Naut).
 - Fix on a stake.
 - Sediments.
 - Grasp.
 - Clip the wool from.
 - Species of poplar.
 - Grate.
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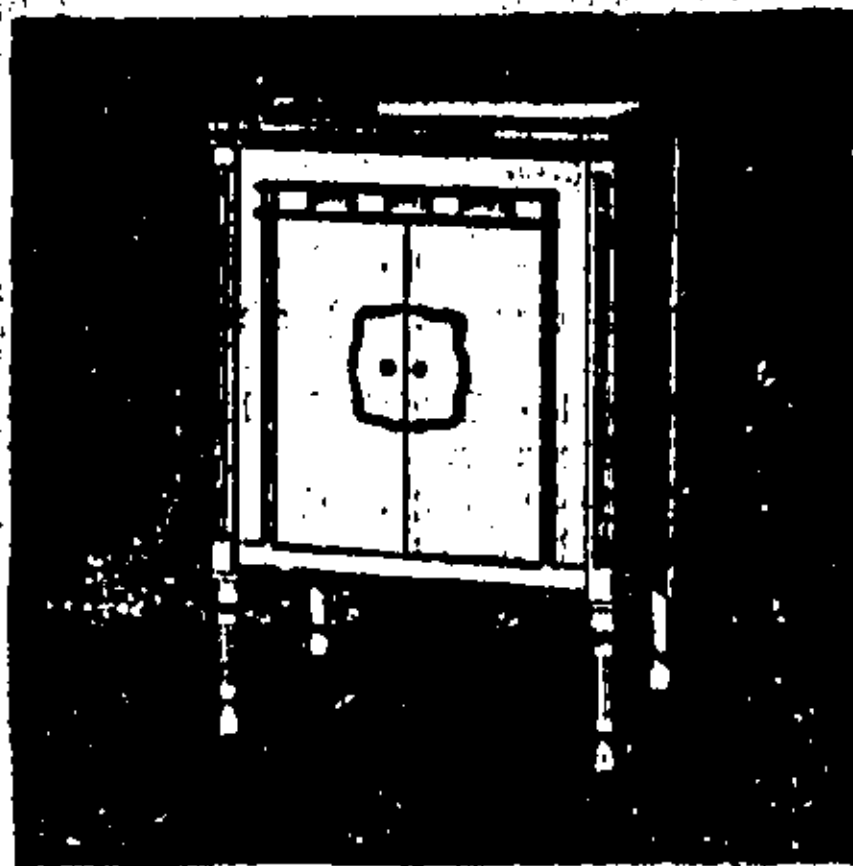
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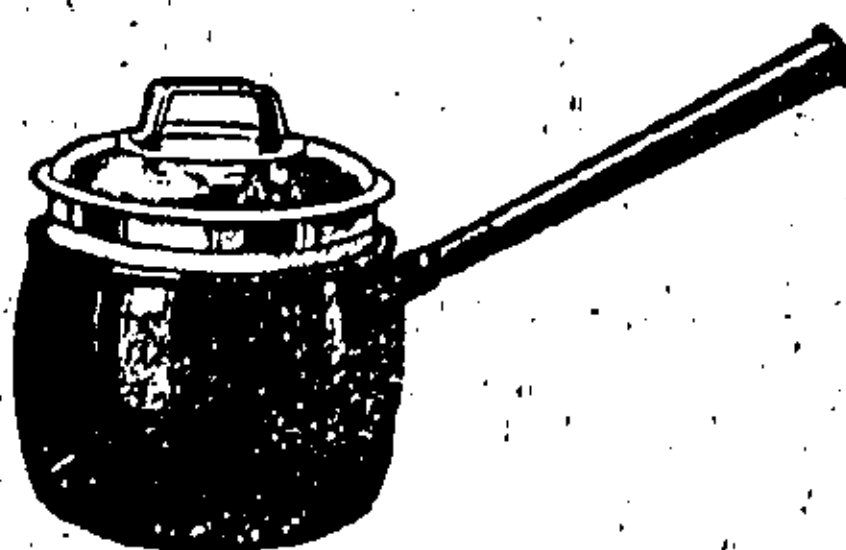
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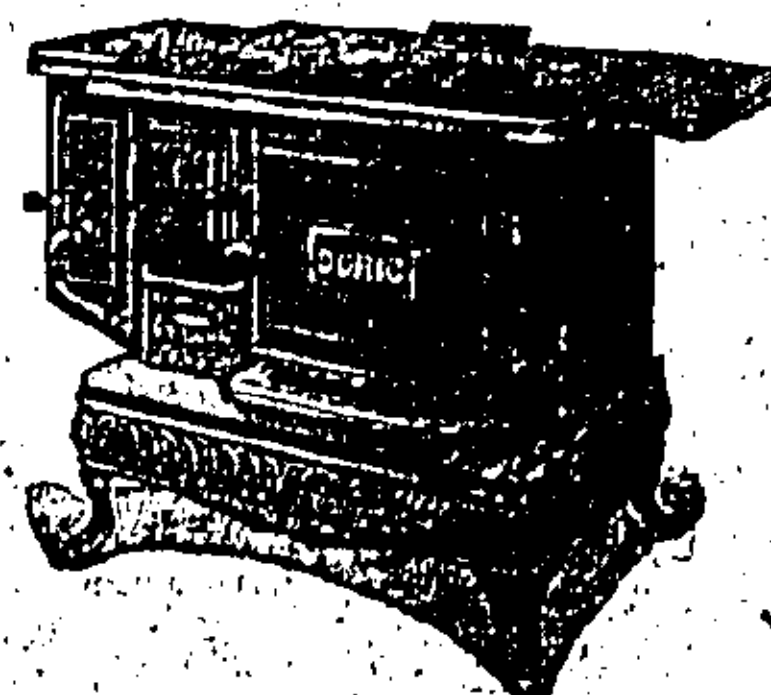
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THE NANKING
SETTLEMENT.

In view of the fact that the recent attempt by Sir Miles Lampson to secure a settlement of the Nanking incident broke down because the Chinese authorities introduced issues not germane to the question, it is somewhat surprising to learn that the United States Minister has succeeded in reaching an agreement with the Nationalist Government. We say so much because in this matter Britain and America were in precisely the same position in regard to the Nanking affair. Nationals of both countries figured amongst the killed and wounded, and amongst those who suffered indignities; warships of both nations took part in the firing of Socony Hill; and both Britain and the United States joined in the Note which was presented subsequent to the outrages, making identical demands on the Chinese authorities.

We are told that one of the causes for the breakdown of the Anglo-Chinese negotiations was that the Chinese demanded an apology for the firing on Socony Hill, regarding it as a bombardment of Nanking. It is pertinent, therefore, to recall that it was only after the distressed party of foreigners who managed to reach the Hill had signalled for assistance that any firing took place, and that this was solely in the nature of placing a barrage around the Hill so as to safeguard those who were in imminent danger of losing their lives. What is more, not only H.M.S. Emerald but the U.S. destroyers Nea and Preston as well, joined in the action. Why, in those circumstances, any attempt should be made to lay blame on Britain, we cannot imagine. In this connection, it would be interesting to know exactly how the incident figured in the settlement with the United States. One gratifying feature of the agreement reached between Mr. MacMurray and General Hwang Fu is that the Nanking Government has accepted responsibility for the outrages, although declaring that they were really carried out by Communists. In the sense that the outrages were the work of the old Hankow regime, we can accept that as a correct statement of the parties to blame. Just after the incident, Mr. Eugene Chen made

an attempt to lay responsibility at the doors of "reactionary and counter-revolutionary elements," who, he said, instigated rebel remnants and local ruffians to attack the foreigners, but, unfortunately for him, a group of American missionaries signed a sworn statement saying: "Out of our own first-hand experience and observation, we unequivocally affirm that the outrages were committed by armed Nationalist soldiers in uniform, who acted with the knowledge and approval of their superior officers." It is true that in the meantime, a new Government has arisen in Nanking which had no part in the actual happenings of a year ago, but obviously America and the other Powers as well had to look to some authority for reparation. Nanking's willingness to bear the burden would seem to be proof of its desire to get the issue disposed of.

There are many more aspects of the question which could be touched upon, but we will content ourselves at the moment with a reference to one of these—namely, the report that the Nanking Government desires Treaty revision to be included in the settlement with Britain. That, as has been well pointed out, is a subject quite extraneous to the issue. However, it is not as if Britain has not time and again declared her willingness to commence the revision of her Treaties with China immediately some central authority emerges with whom she can negotiate. But that is neither here nor there on the matter of the Nanking affair. The issues are quite distinct, and we cannot see that anything is to be gained by confusing them. We still hope, however, as there appears to be little difficulty in securing unanimity of viewpoint on the Nanking incident as such, that news of final Anglo-Chinese agreement thereon will soon come to hand, although from one standpoint it is to be regretted that as the Powers united in their original demands, they have not kept together in their efforts to achieve a settlement.

The German Arms Law.

The readiness with which Germany has responded to the recommendations of the Diplomatic Body in Peking urging a tightening up of the arms embargo on China is a matter for congratulation. Little time has been lost between the promise of collaboration made by the German Minister and the enactment of a Bill forbidding German trade in weapons of war with China, and Dr. Stresemann by facilitating the passage of the measure has given ample demonstration of Germany's sincerity in the matter. The law now in force is rigid in its operation, forbidding not only the supply, despatch or insurance of any and every material having relation to warfare, but also prohibits any action likely to facilitate the supply, despatch or insurance of such objects. This clause means that the designers of the Bill have guarded against the possibility of German attempts to conduct arms traffic through other countries, while additional force is lent by the application of the law to German nationals living abroad. Considerable publicity was given recently to large shipments of arms to Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the allegation being that Germany was the source of the supply. Dr. Stresemann took the opportunity, while announcing the submission of the Bill, of pointing out that Germany was the outlet for shipping from Central European States; who are the principal suppliers of arms and ammunition, and had therefore been subject to misunderstanding. The new Bill will serve to remove any false impression that has arisen. Strife in China is bad enough without the room for outside assistance in keeping the recalcitrant commanders equipped for a continuance of their apparently endless and aimless skirmishes, and it will do a considerable amount of good if Germany's gesture and example affords Mr. Benes of Czechoslovakia an opportunity for further consideration of Soviet Russia, of course, we could expect little other than the superior attitude adopted in recent reply to the Japanese suggestion.

DAY BY DAY.

I BEG TO TAKE COURAGE; THE
BRAVE SOUL CAN MEET EVEN DISASTER.—Catherine of Russia.

It is advertised that the exchange banks will be closed to the transaction of public business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 6th, 7th and 9th inst.

Passengers arriving by S.S. President Madison from U. S. ports and the north on Sunday, included Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Biggar, Mr. W. W. Wicheil, and Mr. M. Manak.

Chiu Kam-chi, a young Chinese, was yesterday removed to hospital from his home at 18, Canton Road, suffering from a big dose of opium which he took in an attempt to end his life.

The rainfall recorded at the Botanic Gardens during March totalled 6.37 inches. The heaviest fall was 3.59 inches, on the 6th, and there were twelve days when no fall was registered.

A new form of confidence trick is indicated in a police report issued this morning, which states that a woman was induced to part with \$5 by a man who promised to buy chickens cheaply for her, but who disappeared after taking the money.

We have received from the Java-China-Japan Line an admirable wall map of the Far East, indicating the various routes on which the Company's steamers ply. The map is in colours, strongly mounted, and should prove of much value in the office.

Three cases of small-pox, three of enteric fever and one of puerperal fever were reported to the Medical Officer of Health over the week-end. All were Chinese with the exception of an imported Japanese case of enteric. Two of the small-pox cases were imported.

Besides shipping to Canada and the United States of America, regular shipments of Watson's aerated waters are made to India. Only this morning a telegram was received by Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., ordering further large quantities of Watson's Formozone, sassafras, dry ginger ale, etc.

Another world walking tourist arrived yesterday by S.S. Hirundo and was seen traversing the Praya with the Soviet and American flags draped his body. It is stated that he has engaged in the long hike for a wager of \$10,000, to win which he has to reach Chicago within three years of his commencement. It is understood that he is well within his time and should make good on the long trail.

There will be no movie performance in the Star Theatre to-day, the popular American company, the Wilbur Players, beginning their special comedy season at 7.15 to-night with the big comedy hit, "The Sap." The movie performance will be resumed to-morrow with Elinor Glyn's drama of love and marriage, "Love's Blindness," which will be screened until Saturday, showing from 2.30 to 8.30 daily.

The Bureau of Public Health in the Philippine Islands spends two-thirds of its time compiling statistics and the other one-third looking after public health matters, according to Mr. Charles H. Forster, director of the Philippine Chapter, American Red Cross, who recently returned to Manila from a three-weeks' inspection of health conditions in the southern islands. Too much of the Government's money is being spent to make records of people who are sick, Mr. Forster believes, while too little is spent to cure the afflicted.

John Gilbert, hero of "The Big Parade," "Bardelys the Magnificent" and "La Boheme," has the strangest role of his career as the young German officer in "Flesh and the Devil," the screen version of Sudermann's "The Undying Past," which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre, Greta Garbo, the Swedish star, plays a minister vampire who is his Nemesis in the new picture, and Lars Hanson, the Swedish Barrymore, is the third in a stranger triangle. "Flesh and the Devil" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre until Thursday.

OLD MAN REPROVED.

FINED FOR CUTTING TREES.

An aged Chinese, whose extraordinarily long beard makes him look like a figure from the classic story of "The Three Kingdoms," appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning on a charge of cutting down a tree in a Government plantation. He strenuously denied the offence.

His Worship said it were better for a man of his years to have sold the truth. As it was, he would be fined \$5, or seven days.

CANTON CUSTOMS
SURTAX.GOVERNMENT WANTS 20
PER CENT LEVY.

The local authorities (says the Canton Gazette) have adopted a resolution to order the Canton Maritime Customs to levy a surtax of 20% for relief purposes. In this connection, the Commissioner of Customs and the various Consuls in Shanghai have been officially informed by the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and the Provincial Government which has decided to commence the collection of the surtax on the 11th May of this year.

It is, however, learned from the officials in the Customs that the Consular bodies and the Commissioner of Customs though they sympathize with the imposition of such a surtax which will only be used for the relief of sufferers, cannot act without the advice of the Inspector-General of Customs regarding the matter. They have accordingly communicated with the Inspector General, and will render a formal reply upon receiving instructions.

INDIAN GUARD
CHARGED.ALLEGED POSSESSION OF
OPIUM.

Teta Singh, a Sergeant of Guards employed on the river steamer Kochow, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, with being in possession of eight taels of contraband opium. Defendant, in reply to the charge, said it was a trap. He was "planted" with the opium, and he indicated that on the previous day he had had occasion to report one of the men under him.

Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., who prosecuted, informed the Court that there was no particular hurry to proceed with the case, as the Kochow was in dock.

Defendant was remanded on bail of \$100.

MALAYAN CHINESE
FOOTBALLERS.TO MEET THE ARMY
TO DAY.

An alteration has been made in the fixtures of the visiting Malaysian Chinese football team.

To-day was originally reserved for a game against the Civilian, but owing to the Clubs' congestion of games, a representative Civilian side cannot be raised. Therefore, upon the advice of the Football Association, this game is being cancelled, and the Army is meeting the visitors to-day on the Hongkong Club Ground at 4.30.

The prices for admission are \$1.00 for the covered stand and 50 cents for the uncovered stand.

NEW LEPER STATION.

AMERICAN GIFT FOR
PHILIPPINES.

New York, Mar. 25.

A gift of 180,000 from Mr. Eversley Childs, of New York, for the establishment of a treatment station in Cebu for the milder cases of leprosy was announced to-day by General James G. Leonard Wood Memorial for the Eradication of Leprosy.

The station will be located about 75 miles from Cullion. It will include laboratories and a medical centre consisting of clinics, wards, a pharmacy, a dispensary, cotages for the staff and all necessary equipment.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, April 2.

Paris	124
New York	488 5/8
Brussels	34 7/8
Geneva	12 3/4
Amsterdam	12 1/2
Milan	92 4/5
Berlin	20 41
Stockholm	18 18
Copenhagen	18 21
Oslo	18 25
Vienna	34 6/5
Prague	104 1/4
Helsingfors	108 3/4
Madrid	20 0/25
Lisbon	2 1/4
Athens	9 3/4
Bucharest	7 3/4
Rio	5 59/8
Buenos Aires	47 20/32
Bombay	176 31/32
Shanghai	2/3 1/4
Hongkong	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/11 9/16
Silver (spot)	28 5/16
Silver (forward)	28 5/16

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

"What's the charge?" asked the Magistrate as he peered at the small prisoner.

"Attempted suicide," replied the constable.

"Indeed! How was that?"

"He wanted to fight me," was the reply.

There was a day when driving a motor car was serious business. When a driver's thoughts were all on the road, his heart was in the engine, and often as not the hearts of his passengers were in their mouths. Both driving and riding now are more of a habit, a second nature, and thoughts of more frivolous things. As illustration of this, there is an outburst of fractiousness amongst motorists in America. They are painting slogans on their cars, amongst which seen in San Francisco recently were: "Danger! 2000 Jolts," "Chickens, here's your coupe," "Peaches, here's your wreck," "Speed on, big boy, Holl ain't half full."

Man at Tottenham; I am willing to do any work found for me to do. Magistrate: We will soon find you something to do. You will go to prison for three months, with hard labour.

Tottenham magistrate (to policeman): May I ask why you are wearing your cape? Policeman: To keep the buttons of my tunic from being tarnished by the fog.

Deserted wife (at Williston): My husband writes every Saturday offering me \$1 a week; but his postscript always says, "Not this week."

"Battles are not won in our district by the one that can swear the hardest,"—Haggerston witness at Shoreditch.

Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch: We must not go and have a drink when we want it, because some people want to get intoxicated—we do not. It is all very peculiar.

The juxtaposition of public notices is sometimes amusing. The latest example comes from Manchester, where two slogans on the cars read:—

DON'T SPIT ON THE CARS.

USE THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.

A remarkable tragedy in which a baby was suffocated by a large cat was disclosed at an inquest on Pamela Day, aged eight months.

It was stated that the child was put into a cot in the kitchen when the parents went to bed, and the next morning the father found the cat lying across the child's head. She had been dead for some time. The coroner recorded a verdict of "Death from suffocation."

Teacher to boy sitting idly in school during writing time: "Henry, why are you not writing?" Henry—"I ain't got no pen."

Teacher—"Where's your grammar?" Henry—"She's dead!"

Alliance, Neb.—His four sons having married four sisters, D. Sisley, 70, made it unanimous by marrying the girl's mother. The mother-of-the "boys" died three months ago while the bride has been a widow for several years. The first union of the two families took place ten years ago.

Earl Haig's humour was seen on not a few occasions during the war. One day a big blustering sergeant was cursing two men for being careless with ammunition and shouted: "You'll send us all up to Heaven like a rocket."

Earl Haig intervened—"Unless you improve your language, sergeant, I am afraid you may go in an opposite direction."

Prince Henry has added to his accomplishments the ancient craft of potter. While staying at Sandon Hall as guest of the Earl of Harronsby, the prince motored to Stoke-on-Trent, where he visited the Wedgwood pottery plant. He saw the ware being made for the royal family, and also priceless dinner services being turned out for Indian princes. The prince himself turned a black basalt vase and signed his name on it.

At least another century will pass away before there will be any danger of having to fight—Lord Cuckfield.

We have heard a good deal about the divine spark, in which animals do not share, in man; what about the infernal spark, in which also they do not share?—Dr. A. Shadwell.

I have arrived at the conclusion that it does not matter twopence how you spell a word, provided everybody knows what it is.—The Bishop of Manchester.

There are so many Acts regulating everybody now that we do not know where we are.—Sir Robert Wallace.

CAR'S FALL INTO HARBOUR.

NAVAL C. P. O. CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

CASE OPENED TO-DAY.

The case against Chief Petty Officer W. G. Kelso, of H.M.S. Ambrose, who is charged with the manslaughter of a Chinese at Connaught Road Central on the morning of March 25th was commenced this morning at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindell.

It is alleged that Kelso was driving car No. 313 when it ran into a Chinese and subsequently into the harbour. Defendant is further charged with reckless driving and with driving without a proper licence. To the last charge he had pleaded guilty at a previous hearing.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the defence, the prosecution being conducted by Inspector Alexander, of the Traffic Department.

Inspector's Statement.

Addressing his Worship at the outset of the hearing, Inspector Alexander said:—"On the 25th of March, sometime between the hours of 3 and 4 a.m., public car No. 313 was being driven along Connaught Road Central in an easterly direction. It is alleged that the car was driven at an exceedingly fast rate. At the time, there was a pedestrian leaving the Po Tak Wharf and he was knocked down by this car, which afterwards fell into the harbour. Defendant, who drove the car, was going at an exceedingly fast rate."

After photographs and plans of the vicinity of the accident were handed in, the licensed driver of car No. 313 went into the witness-box. He said his car usually plying for hire outside the To Yuen Restaurant in West Point and at 2 a.m. on the morning of March 25th, a European Sergeant brought the defendant and another man to his car. Witness identified the other man as Stoker Robert Whitworth.

The police officer opened the rear door of the car and after the two naval men were seated inside, directed the chauffeur to drive to Kennedy Town. Witness drove them to Kee Chong Street, to a house which witness knew was frequented by Europeans. Arriving there, the two men got out and instructions were given to witness to return at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Defendant Takes Wheel.

Witness returned in due course and the two seamen appeared. The stoker got into the rear of the car, but defendant wanted to drive and pulled witness out of the driving seat. Witness protested but defendant seized him by the arm and managed to pull him out. The defendant then took the wheel and started the car, proceeding along the Praya in an easterly direction.

In answer to his Worship, witness said the car was a right-hand drive and that the defendant appeared to be an experienced driver. The gears of the car gave no trouble and the defendant started on second, later putting the engine on third gear, without any difficulty. They proceeded along the Praya at 40 miles an hour.

His Worship:—Is that your estimate or is there a speedometer? Witness:—The speedometer on my car did not work. This is only my estimate.

Fall Into Harbour.

The streets were deserted at the time. At the Po Tak Wharf, witness observed a man crossing the road. When he was first sighted the car was about seven shops' distance away. Witness told the defendant in Chinese to slow down, but defendant drove straight on. When the car was almost on the man, witness applied the hand-brake but it was too late. After the pedestrian had been struck down, defendant swerved to the left, causing the car to fall into the harbour. The man who was struck down was carrying a sack slung across his shoulder but witness did not think his view was obstructed.

When witness scrambled out of the water, he saw the defendant and Stoker Whitworth walking away with their arms on each others' shoulders. Witness blew a police whistle and the police came and took charge of the two seamen.

Asked to describe the exact spot where the injured man was found, witness said that the man was lying about fifteen feet from the Praya Wall, more or less opposite the Po Tak Wharf.

The case is being continued this afternoon.

Applicant for a drink licence at Highgate: There is an arterial road near. Opposing barrister: Arterial roads don't drink.

MANILA SEARCHES FOR FORGER.

RECENT HONGKONG TREASURY LOSSES.

NOT YET FOUND.

Manila, Mar. 28.

A whole day's search by agents of the law yesterday in Manila and neighbouring municipalities for the whereabouts of Carvalho Yeo, alleged Chinese forger of three cheques of the Hongkong Government, failed to disclose any clue to his presence in the islands.

High constabulary and Manila police officials are inclined to believe that Yeo and his alleged accomplices are not in the Philippines. The forgers were reported missing since December 30, 1927, when the forgery was committed.

A general alarm accompanied by an offer of \$5,000 prize for the arrest of Yeo or any of his associates in the forgery case, was received yesterday morning by the constabulary and the Manila police department. The alarm was broadcast to all constabulary commanders in the islands with instructions that they inform the intelligence division of the constabulary of any discovery of the whereabouts of Yeo.

Three cheques bearing the forged signature of the Colonial Treasurer of Hongkong are said to have been cashed by Yeo at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on December 30, 1927, amounting to \$260,407.93.

Yeo is said to have many aliases, among which are Yong Tek, Wong Pek Chun, and Nai F. Sen. He is alleged to be the leader of a ring of forgers operating in Hongkong under the guise of a general merchant's concern. Among the firm names used by the cheque trust are "Min Tak Company," "Katz Company" and "Man Lee Company."

A general check up on the lists of Chinese immigrants entering the islands since January 1 of this year will be made by the Customs secret service with a view to discovering some clue regarding the whereabouts of Yeo. A similar canvass will be made by the Manila secret service of the rogues' gallery.

The intelligence office of the constabulary yesterday was mobilized, and record clerks were ordered to check up on arrested Chinese since January 1. The officials, however, have very little hope of locating Yeo in the islands.

CHAUFFEUR FINED.

IGNORED GARDEN ROAD SIGNAL.

A Chinese chauffeur employed by M. A. Locot, of the Banque de l'Indo-chine, when summoned before Major C. Willson this morning for disobeying a police signal, expressed his despair because the witness giving evidence against him was a Government servant.

"This complaint was ruled out as irrelevant," His Worship asked if defendant, by saying that, was pleading not guilty.

Defendant said that was the case. Dr. G. W. Pope stated that on the 16th of last month, he was travelling up Garden Road in his car, and on approaching the intersection with Kennedy Road, indicated to the pointsman his direction, and the signal was accordingly given to him to continue up Garden Road. A car driven by the defendant, cut across from Kennedy Road, just as witness had passed the pointsman.

Defendant said, in reply to the Court, the pointsman, a Shanlung constable, was busy conversing with a woman and was paying no heed to the traffic.

His Worship pointed out to defendant that they had the evidence of Dr. Pope that the signal was given to Dr. Pope to pass.

Defendant was fined \$10. The pointsman was to have given evidence also, but on admitting that he did not remember the date of the offence, was told to stand down.

Instructions were given to the officer in charge of the case to put him on the departmental report.

WEEK-END GAOL FOR WIFE-BEATERS.

GLASGOW MAGISTRATE AND A NOVEL SCHEME.

A proposal that habitual wife-beaters should serve terms of imprisonment at week-ends as a deterrent to their weekly assaults is now being considered by the Glasgow magistrates, on the suggestion of one of the bailies.

It is unlikely, however, that any decision will have been arrived at before the Secretary for Scotland replies to a question on the subject in the House of Commons.

MARTIAL LAW IN CANTON.

BOMBS DISCOVERED IN POLICE RAIDS.

RICKSHA COOLIES SPECIALLY SUSPECTED.

SHAMEEN CAUTION.

The feeling of tension in Canton has not relaxed, and martial law is still rigidly enforced. Troops are patrolling the principal parts of the city.

Raids on suspected premises in Canton and Honam, continues on a large scale. At a tea-house in Honam, thirty men attired like peasants have been arrested and revolvers and ammunition were found in their possession.

Bombs Found.

Bombs, and a large quantity of seditious literature were seized and ten suspects arrested during three further big raids in the Canton suburbs.

Boarding houses of ricksha-men have been of special interest to the police, and quite a number are imprisoned as suspects. Bombs have been found in a ricksha shelter.

Shameen Defence.

Shameen has also taken precaution by placing additional policemen on the two gates leading to the city, while Chinese having no connection with Shameen are being prevented from entering.

At one raid on a rickshamen's boarding house, two bombs and a trunk full of red scarves were seized.

As an outcome of the situation, there has been a big exodus of well-to-do families to Hongkong and Macao.

It is estimated there are some six to seven thousand troops in Canton at the present time, while others are expected shortly.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 By what has the original programme of new building for the United States Navy been cut down?
- 2 Name the largest territory in tropical Africa, under British rule. How big is it, and what are its chief crops?
- 3 What discovery of historical interest has been made near Westminster Abbey?
- 4 For what period is the lowest birth rate on record in England reported?
- 5 To what political constituency do the Scilly Isles belong?
- 6 What is a Buncey burner?
- 7 Who painted the following: La Gioconda; The Laughing Cavalier; The Infant Samuel?
- 8 In whose reign and by whom was "Venus and Adonis" written?
- 9 What is a biforme?
- 10 Define a "salute of limitation."
- 11 Name the longest river in Alaska?
- 12 What gas exhaled by animals, is utilised by plants?

WORLD TOURIST'S SUICIDE.

RESOLUTE PASSENGER JUMPS THROUGH PORTHOLE.

NO MOTIVE KNOWN.

Details of the suicide, aboard the tourist liner Resolute, of Mrs. Fritz Meyer, a young and beautiful divorcee, of Zurich, Switzerland, were made available to Manila newspapers when the ship arrived at that port.

Mrs. Meyer ended her life on the evening of March 10, a day after the vessel had left Bangkok, for Zamboanga, by jumping through the porthole of her stateroom, according to the story told by her fellow tourists. She was 26 years old.

Mystery Surrounds Case.

When questioned by reporters, cruise officials referred to the suicide in hushed voices, stating only that she had locked herself in her stateroom on the evening of the 10th and was not seen afterwards.

Those on the vessel who knew her best were able to furnish but a few more scattered details, none of which gave an inkling as to the motives that might have inspired Mrs. Meyer to plunge into the ocean.

According to the best authority, Mrs. Meyer appeared to be in excellent spirits on the eve of her disappearance. She enjoyed a long chat with friends before retiring to her stateroom and bid them all a "cherry goodnight." There was nothing in her manner indicating that she intended suicide.

Seemed to Be Cheerful.

She failed to appear on deck the next morning and friends, fearing that she might be ill, went to her stateroom and found it locked. There was no response to their attempts to arouse her. Cruise officials were called and the door was opened.

A chair standing in front of the porthole, a few clothes scattered about the floor and the torn piece of a dress on one of the bolts of the porthole window left little doubt in the minds of the officials as to what Mrs. Meyer had done. An investigation was conducted and anxious friends were informed that the lady had taken her own life.

None of Mrs. Meyer's intimate associates on the Resolute knew little of her married life. She was divorced from her husband, a German, several months ago and boarded the Resolute at Naples. He was notified by radio of her disappearance.

APOLOGY AFTER TWO WEEKS IN PRISON.

JUDGE AGREES TO RELEASE A LITIGANT.

Mr. Justice Eve, in the Chancery Division, ordered the release from prison of Mr. James Buzzacott, of Princes Street, Paddington, who was committed on February 17 for contempt of Court.

Mr. Buzzacott's offence was that he had assaulted a clerk who was attempting to serve him with a subpoena. Mr. Buzzacott, in an affidavit, apologized for the contempt.

The judge ordered him to pay the costs.



She: You've a nerve, wanting my phone number the minute I meet you!
He: Oh, well, then give me just a rough description of it.

STUBBS ROAD MOTORING.

EUROPEAN FINED \$50 FOR RECKLESS DRIVING.

CASE CONCLUDED.

The summons for alleged reckless driving on Stubbs Road against Mr. Servadio, the local Fiat car agent, which was adjourned from last week in order to obtain the attendance of an Italian interpreter, was resumed before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The Chinese who offered his services as an interpreter in Italian had but functioned in that capacity for a few minutes, when both the defendant and the latter's witness complained that the interpretation was not satisfactory. The defendant was then allowed by the Court to be his own witness' interpreter.

Engineer's Evidence.

Mr. Giovanni, a Fiat engineer, said he was with the defendant in the latter's car No. 2118.

On the evening in question, as they were proceeding up Stubbs Road, they saw a car No. 1062 being driven by a lady in front of them. Her driving was very uncertain and dangerous, and it was decided by witness and Mr. Servadio to overtake and pass her.

But at the third corner, a third car was seen to come down the slope. There was no other course than to pass in between it and the car in which Mr. E. R. Dovey and the lady were. This was done.

In witness' experience, extending over many years, he thought that the driving of the lady was very unsafe because it was very uncertain.

His Worship:—Would not it be safer to have kept behind?

Safer to Pass.

Witness:—It would have been safer to pass her, because it would leave her behind—(Laughter.)

Several questions were put by defendant to his witness, these calling for his views, as an experienced motorist, of the difference between driving a motor-cycle and driving a motor-car. Mr. Dovey had mentioned in his previous evidence that the lady had only a learner's licence for car-driving, but that she had driven a motor-bicycle for years.

The question was disallowed by the Court, but Mr. Servadio was permitted to ask what would have happened if the lady had failed to shift gear.

Witness opined that if that had happened, the lady's car would have backed down the slope and collided with any car coming up from behind.

His Worship:—But a capable driver, was beside her?

Witness:—Mr. Dovey was beside her, but was not driving actually.

Measure of Safety.

Witness further alleged that the lady accelerated when she saw she was being overtaken. The Fiat, in which defendant and witness were, had followed her car for about eight minutes along Stubbs Road, before they decided to overtake her as a measure of safety.

Mr. Servadio:—At first we lost several times, not in an attempt to pass the lady, but to warn her that we were behind, because her driving was very unsafe. (To witness):—Did we not stop at once when the collision happened?

Witness agreed that they were able to pull up within two or three meters.

Defendant:—Is it not also true that I went up to Mr. Dovey and apologized? I pleaded guilty, but because it was not kindness to have collided with a lady in the car. My left mudguard was badly damaged, and the car of Mr. Dovey was quite all right.

Fine \$50.

His Worship said, defendant's own witness had admitted that he did attempt to pass the car at that corner. Defendant was guilty of a reckless piece of driving for which he would be fined \$50.

Later, Mr. Servadio again appeared before his Worship and intimated that he wished to appeal against the fine.

At a third appearance this same morning, defendant asked for time to pay the fine, as he had not the money with him.

Mr. Servadio was granted up till four o'clock.

Admiral Bristol, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, returned from Canton last night and is sailing with his flagship, the U.S.S. Pittsburgh, for Shanghai to-day. The U.S.S. transport Anderson is also leaving to-day on returning to the United States via Manila, Guam, Honolulu. The remainder of the visiting Squadron including a flotilla of destroyers, still remains here.

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In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the "Telegraph" during the weeks August 29-September 24.

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Reading v. Barnsley.
Stoke v. Manchester C.

DIVISION III.
Luton v. Plymouth.
Northants v. Swindon.
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RUSSIA'S SABRE RATTLING.

FRONTIER FORCES
STRENGTHENED.

Paris, Feb. 24.
While the Soviet delegation at Geneva is making sweeping proposals for disarmament, the Supreme War Council at Moscow is engaged in organising the Soviet armies.

A message from Riga gives details of the latest measures taken to strengthen Soviet forces on the various frontiers. Special attention is being paid to the Polish frontier.

A Commission of Three has been appointed with the full powers to make any changes they think fit. They have already established a large air school, an instructional centre at Minsk, directed by a German aviator, and a cavalry school. The Soviet remembers that it was thanks to its cavalry that Russia was able to sweep on to Warsaw in 1921, until checked by General Weygand. Trenchachevsky has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Polish front, Boudennyl of the Ukraine front, Goutor of the Baltic front (Finland, Estonia, and Latvia), and Dybenko, Chief of Staff under Kameneff, is to be generalissimo.

SALT AND OPIUM SMUGGLING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the irregularity. The Indian guards do not consider part of their duty to search for salt on board the ships and on many occasions some of the guards refused to search even when commanded by the ship's master to do so.

The Chinese crew do not consider it an unlawful practice but rather a legitimate trade to smuggle salt into the interior and they indulge in it a great deal because the commodity is cheap to procure and heavy profit can be made out of it. The petitioners are informed and believe that certain dealers in salt in Hongkong do a great deal of business by encouraging smuggling and that they undertake to pack the salt in suitable sizes to meet the requirements of the smugglers and also undertake to carry the goods on board the ships. It is not unusual for one member of the crew to carry several packets containing one or two piculs of salt as part of his belongings on board.

Big Opium Profits.

With regard to opium, it is pointed out that its sale being legalised in Wuchow, it can be easily procured there, and as the price is much cheaper than in Hongkong, a successful smuggler is sure of making great profits.

In this connexion, the petitioners believe there are several bands of regular smugglers in Wuchow who are either backed up by the soldiers or by the Labour Unions. These smugglers are mostly desperate characters who will not hesitate to use force and violence when their contraband gets seized.

The Chinese crew, it is believed, are somewhat implicated in the smuggling, but whether they are or not, they never dare for fear of revenge to expose the desperate smugglers.

On the question of thorough and independent searches, the petitioners express themselves as being of the opinion that no such searches made under their own authority can be really thorough or effective. At present, the owners have to depend on the officers and crew and the Indian guards to carry out the searches, but of these persons only the European officers can be relied upon.

Crew and Guards in League.

With regard to the Chinese crew, the owners have now practically very little control over them as they are placed on board by the Labour Unions and some of the ships are forced by the Unions to change their crew every six months. They are continually cautioned not to bring or allow to be brought any contraband on board the ships, but they never seem to treat such caution with any seriousness. They are usually in league with the smugglers and sometimes will not allow their own quarters to be searched and cases have occurred where the crew threatened the master with a strike when the latter ordered their quarters to be thoroughly searched.

The Indian guards are not so trustworthy as they are supposed to be. Unless a search is personally directed and supervised by a European Officer they will only do it half-heartedly. Some of the guards maintain that they are placed on board only for the purpose of complying with the Piracy Prevention Ordinances and that their duties are clearly defined in Clause No. 82 of the Piracy Prevention Regulations, which do not include such extra work as the stopping of salt and opium from coming on board and they therefore refuse to help to stop the smuggling of salt and opium even when they are directed by the master to do so.

It is a common knowledge to the owners and European officers of the West River steamers that the guards receive a bounty from the crew for the salt they bring on board, but of course it is difficult to detect any actual payment.

The Petition further states that the searches made by the Chinese Maritime Customs are not so effective as they were, this being attributed to constant interference with the Customs service by the various Chinese authorities, and to threats, sometimes violence, used by the smugglers to the searchers in the Customs service.

In conclusion, the Petition draws attention to various steps which have been taken by the owners, without effect, to stop the smuggling evil.

William Lake, who has died in the Hillingdon Institution within a few months of reaching his 101st birthday, was a jobbing gardener by trade and one of the first to claim the old age pension.

The Earl of Stair has been appointed the King's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which meets on May 22.

FAMOUS SHIPYARD'S NEW OWNERS.

FORMER SECRETARY HEADS
PURCHASING GROUP.

Belfast, Mar. 2.
The joint receivers sitting in London acting on behalf of the prior lien Debenture stockholders of Workman Clark and Co., Ltd., the Belfast shipbuilding firm, have declared Mr. William Strachan, of Belfast, and a group acting with him, as the purchasers of the concern. Those associated with him are mostly Scottish capitalists, and the price found is considerably over £100,000. Several tenders were submitted.

Mr. Strachan has been connected with the firm of Workman Clark and Co. since July, 1901. He is a native of Glasgow, and prior to accepting the appointment in Belfast he was with the firm of William Robertson, the Clydeside ship-owners.

On Mr. Strachan, as Secretary and Director, has mainly devolved the work of keeping the yard going in face of many difficulties, due to financial conditions as well as to depression in shipbuilding.

At the trial of the Debenture Issue case before Mr. Justice Brown last year, Mr. Strachan in the witness-box mentioned that he had not missed a single board meeting during twenty-six years he had been secretary. He also stated during the controversy between the old principals in 1920 he himself put forward an offer for the shares of the company.

I understand that the new owners of the yard have good prospects of securing work which will enable business to be resumed shortly.

In addition to acquiring Belfast shipyards and engine works, the purchasers take 1,241 £10 shares in the Cyclops Foundry and Pattern Making Company, Ltd., Glasgow, which supplied the firm with castings.

BANKRUPT BECAUSE OF FATHER'S DEBTS.

YOUNG SON'S "SPIRIT OF
FILIAL PIETY."

A young man's conduct in taking over, at the age of 22, his father's liabilities was praised by Judge Leigh and the Official Receiver in the Manchester County Court.

William Millward paid off nearly £500 of his father's deficiency out of his wages as a cinema manager. It was stated he used the firm's money a day or two before transferring it to his account, and was made a bankrupt by his employers. Judge Leigh, in granting a discharge, to be suspended for two months, said much of Millward's conduct was praiseworthy. He owed his position to a spirit of filial piety.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

DISADVANTAGES IN TEA
DRINKING.

The essential stimulating principle of both tea and coffee is caffeine.

A strong cup of tea or of coffee contains about one-tenth of a gram or 1½ grains of caffeine. In addition, coffee has fat and chlorogenic acid, while tea has tannin and theobromine.

Tea Not a Food.

Prof. R. J. S. McDowall of the University of London points out that tea cannot be considered as in any way a food. The amount of tannin or caffeine in the tea depends largely on the way in which it is made.

Caffeine has a stimulating action on the body, particularly as relates to the higher brain centres and to the heart. It sometimes causes a rise in the blood pressure and it incidentally has the power of increasing the activities of the kidneys.

The British authorities agree with American investigators that the disadvantages of tea lie in excessive consumption and in the possibilities of bad preparation. Caffeine taken in excess, for example in the amount of five cups of tea a day by a young person, might bring about nervous excitation, disturbed sleep and headache.

Tannin an Astringent.

If tea has been infused too long, the tannin effects are considerable. The tannin acts as an astringent and brings about difficulties with digestion.

The moderate consumption of properly made tea has no serious disadvantages and is an exceedingly pleasant drink. An unusual amount of bitterness in the tea suggests that the tannin is excessive. The excessive tannin is also responsible for dryness in the mouth.

PROTECT WEDDINGS PLEA IN WILL.

WEALTHY SOLICITOR'S GIFT
TO BUILD A CHURCH.

On condition that an archway, or tower, is erected on the Southern side as protection against bad weather to parties attending weddings, funerals and other functions, £3,000 is left to found a fund to build a church on the present site of St. Andrew's Mission Church, Preston-grove, Yeovil.

The bequest is made by Mr. James Bernard Paynter, of Hendford Manor, Yeovil, solicitor, who died on December 8 last, aged 77. He left unsettled estate of the value of £80,000, and in addition to the bequest towards founding a church left £2,000 in trust as an endowment fund.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1300 b.
Chartered Bank, \$212 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$341 n.
P. and O., \$24 n.
East Asiatic, \$76 b.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$675 b.
Union Ins., \$332 b.
North China Ins., \$143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$462 b.
China Underwriters, \$245 s.
China Fire, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$760 b.
Shipping.
Douglases, \$401 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$29 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$21 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$74 n.
Shell Trans., \$97 n.
Union Waterboats, \$201 b.
Mining.
Benguets, \$235 n.
Kallans, \$66 n.
Langkats, \$16 n.
S'hai Exploration, \$125 b.
Rauks, \$42 b.
Tronohs, \$176 b.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$1401 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$48 s.
China Providents, \$51 s.
Hongkows, \$164 b.
New Engineering, \$1480 s.
Shanghai Docks, \$107 b.
Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, \$1860 b.
Oriental, \$1825 b.
S'hai Cottons, \$18 (old) b.
S'hai Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$915 b.
H. K. Lands, \$681 s.
S'hai Lands, \$133 b.
Humphreys, \$15 b.
Realities, \$525 b.
Territorials, \$11 n.
Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$251 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.
Star Ferries, \$541 n.
China Lights, (Old) \$121 b.
H'kong Electric, \$701 b.
Macao Electric, \$261 b.
Telephones, \$470 b.
China Buses, \$16 n.
Singapore Tractions, \$119 b.
Industrials.
China Sugars, \$7 s.
Malabons, \$25 n.
Canton Icos, \$4 b.
Coments (Comb.), \$1125 s.
Ropes (Old) \$8 n.
United Asbestos, \$10 s.
Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$221 b.
Watsons, \$1375 b.
Dor A. Wing, \$1 s.
Lane Crawfords, \$375 b.
MacKintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceros, \$10 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$291 n.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% b.
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HABEAS CORPUS APPEAL.

PRISONERS NOT RELEASED.

The habeas corpus application concerning Un Kin and Un Fat came to a close yesterday afternoon when his Lordship Mr. Justice Wood decided that the grounds advanced by the fugitives' Counsel failed. His Lordship was not able to make an order for their release.

Resuming after the tiffin interval, His Lordship speaking of the difference in wording between the Treaty of Tientsin and the amended Ordinance said that the reason for the former using the term "subject" of China and the latter "National" of China, was due to the different form of Government now in China.

Regarding the arrest of the fugitives, his Lordship said the learned Magistrate was not concerned with that. As to the position of his Lordship's court, they were not concerned whether the fugitives were detained previously. The latter were at liberty to take whatever action they thought fit against the person responsible for their detention. His Lordship said that the only duty of the Court was to enquire whether there was anything to justify the fugitives' present detention.

In his Lordship's view the time taken by the Magistrate and the order for the requisition was a reasonable time and there was no reason for believing otherwise.

Continuing, his Lordship said there was abundant evidence to show that the fugitives were nationals of China. One reason was that the fugitives belonged to a Chinese village and they could also be regarded as such by their surnames Un. Another reason was that the fugitives made no attempt to disprove that they were, in fact, nationals of China.

Speaking of the Governor's order, his Lordship said that he found nothing in that order that was inconsistent or contradictory at all with the requisition.

His Lordship closed his decision by remarking that the weight of evidence was not for that Court to advise and that he had not been asked to do so. It was enough for him to say that the grounds advanced by Counsel on behalf of the fugitives went against them and that he was not able to make an order for their release.

NANKING INCIDENT.

THE AMERICAN SETTLEMENT PROVOKES COMMENT.

Shanghai, Apl. 2. In an editorial on the American settlement with Nanking, the North China Daily News says it does not suppose the American community in China will be particularly pleased with what has been agreed.

"Sympathy must be felt for Mr. McMurray in having to enter into negotiations with his hands tied. Washington had intimated plainly that the prospects of the Presidential election must not be clouded by any unsolved question in foreign affairs, least of all in China. In the circumstances, Mr. McMurray has done better than might have been expected in getting the expression of United States regret for the barrage round Socony Hill, which, however diplomatically wrapped up, remains beyond concealment, and of its readiness to proceed to treaty revision.

"Incorporated in the documents, separate from the Note which contains the Nationalists' regret for the outrage itself, is promise of reparations, etc. But the plain fact cannot be buried that neither barrage nor treaty revision should be mentioned in any connection with the episode which left the ugliest stain on China's prestige. In the upset the extremists at Nanking are enabled to claim they have scored a diplomatic triumph and gained face for China where it was feared she must lose it."—*Reuter*.

No Regret for Bombardment.

Shanghai, Apl. 2. It is understood that the United States and the Nationalist Government now consider the Nanking incident closed, but the notes will not be issued textually until Wednesday, pending which it is difficult to exactly assess Mr. McMurray's reply on Chinese hopes for an early revision of treaties or regarding the bombardment of Nanking.

Current reports that the United States Government have expressed regret for the bombardment of Socony Hill are, however, authoritatively denied. What was expressed, it is said, was that circumstances beyond the U. S.

COURT MARTIAL.

CONTINUATION OF ROYAL OAK CASE.

Gibraltar, Apr. 2. The court martial was resumed to-day of Commander Daniel.

The first witness recounted the alleged dance incidents, and said that at the conclusion of a dance, while he was with a lady, Rear Admiral Collard approached, obviously most annoyed, and said, "Look here, Commander, what on earth has happened to the band?" He said the Marine band must be replaced by a jazz band, and if Comdr. Daniel was afraid to turn the Marines off the quarter deck, he would do it himself.

Subsequently, Admiral Collard addressed the bandmaster,—"It is like a dirge. I shall have you sent home to-morrow."

Thanked By Admiral.

Commander Daniel said that when he told Admiral Collard he had heard him refer to Bandmaster Barnacle as a—(Daniel) declared, "Nothing will budge me from that statement Sir." He satisfied himself that the bandmaster's grievance was that he had been called a—bandmaster. He declared he would never stay on the ship, or in the Navy, after such an incident.

After a settlement of the band incident, Admiral Collard said to him, "Thank you very much for getting me out of a damned nasty hole."

Comdr. Daniel further stated, that he reprimanded an officer of the Royal Oak for making a remark about Admiral Collard. Mr. Kimball asked who the officer was, and Comdr. Daniel asked, Was it necessary to answer?

The president of the Court replied in the negative.

Replying to Mr. Kimball (his advocate), Comdr. Daniel declared (Continued on Next Column.)

Government's control necessitated a protective barrage around the Consulate as the only measure adoptable for the protection of American subjects.

Reports that the U. S. Consulate at Nanking is shortly reopening were denied.—*Reuter*.

The Nanking Ministry of Foreign Affairs has decided to publish all documents exchanged between Sir Miles Lampson and Mr. Huang Fu regarding the Nanking incident.

BRIGHTER YAUMATI.

NEATER STALLS FOR HAWKERS.

The sheltered stalls erected by the Kwong Wah Hospital on the vacant plot of ground opposite the Yaumati market have now been completed and are open to hawkers at a nominal rental.

The site, which has become known as the public square, was, as intimated some time ago, taken over by the Kwong Wah Hospital and during the end of last year building operations were commenced to convert the waste land into a more healthy and clear rendezvous for hawkers who take up their stand outside the Market each day.

On that piece of ground now stand four long rows of small compartments measuring about six feet square and extending the entire length of the plot, with two lanes.

The stalls are all roofed, while at each end of the rows is a covered entrance, adding a very neat appearance to the entire erection, which contains 60 stalls.

Believed to be 300 years old, a tree in Camberwell, under which Queen Elizabeth is said to have rested, is now being treated for preservation.

He did not doubt Admiral Collard had not returned his salute as he stepped on the quarterdeck when he returned to the ship after the disembarkation incident. His impression of the Admiral's behaviour on this occasion was that it was "a deliberate insult."

Letter Read Out.

With regard to his reading the letter criticising Admiral Collard's conduct, Comdr. Daniel said he read the phrase "wardroom inflamed with indignation," and other extracts from his letter to Captain Dewar, to various Lieut-Commanders of the Royal Oak whom he summoned to his cabin. He asked them if he had overstated the case, and all replied in the negative.

Comdr. Daniel denied he read his report to the officers and said he subsequently told the officers if anyone had evidence to give, he ought to have the guts to give it.—*Reuter*.

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CHAPTER I.

The long, bare room had never been graced by a picture or a curtain. Its only furniture was 20 narrow iron cots. Four girls were scrubbing the warped, wide-planked floor, three of them pitifully young for the hard work, the baby of them being only six, the oldest nine. The fourth, who directed their labours, rising from her knees sometimes to help one of her small crew, was just turned 16, but she looked, in her short, skimpy dress of faded blue and white checked gingham, not more than 12 or 13.

"Sal-lee," the six-year-old called out in a coaxing whine, as she sloshed a dirty rag up and down in a pail of soapy water, "play-act for us, won't you, Sal-lee? Tend like you're a queen and I'm your little girl. I'd be a princess, wouldn't I, Sal-lee?"

The child sat back on her thin little haunches, one small hand plucking at the skimpy skirt of her own faded blue and white gingham, an exact replica, except for size, of the frocks worn by the three other scrubbers. "I'll tend like I've got on a white satin dress, Sal-lee."

Sally Ford lifted a strand of fine black hair that had escaped from the tight, thick braid that hung down her narrow back, tucked it behind a well-shaped ear, and smiled fondly upon the tiny pleader. It was a miracle-working smile. Before the miracle, that small, pale face had looked like that of a serious little old woman, the brows knotted, the mouth tight in a frown of concentration.

But when she smiled she became a pretty girl. Her blue eyes, that had looked almost as faded as her dress, darkened and gleamed like a pair of perfectly matched sapphires. Delicate, wing-like eyebrows, even blacker than her hair, lost their sullenness, assumed a lovely, provocative arch. Her white cheeks gleamed. Her little pale mouth, unpuckered of its frown, bloomed suddenly, like a tea rose opening. Even, pointed, narrow teeth, to fit the narrowness of her delicate, childish jaw, flashed into that smile, completely destroying the picture of a rather sad little old woman which she might have posed for before.

"All right, Betsy!" Sally cried, jumping to her feet. "But all of you will have to work twice as hard after I've play-acted for you, or Stone-Face will skin us alive."

Her smile was reflected in the three oldish little faces of the children squatting on the floor. The rags with which they had been wiping up surplus water after Sally's vigorous scrubbing were abandoned, and the three of them, moving in unison like mindless sheep, clustered close to Sally, following her with adoring eyes as she switched a sheet off one of the cots.

"This is my ermine robe," she declared. "Thelma, run and shut the door. . . . Now, this is my royal crown," she added, seizing her long, thick braid of black hair. Her nimble, thin fingers searched for and found three crimped wire hairpins which she secreted in the meshes of the plait. In a trice her small head was crowned with its own magnificent glory, the braid wound coronet-fashion over her ears and low upon her broad, white forehead.

"Say 'A royal queen am I,' six-year-old Betsy quipped, clasping her hands in ecstasy. "And don't forget to make up a verse about me, Sal-lee! I'm a princess! I've got on white satin and little red shoes, ain't I, Sal-lee?"

Sally was marching grandly up and down the barrack-like dormitory, holding Betsy's hand, the train of her "ermine robe" upheld by the two other little girls in faded gingham, and her dramatically deepened voice was chanting "verses" which she had composed on other such occasions and to which she was now adding, when the door was thrown open and a booming voice rang out:

"Sally Ford! What in the world does this mean? On a Saturday morning!"

The two little "pages" dropped the "ermine robe," the little "princess" shrank closer against the "queen," and all four, Sally's voice leading the chorus, chanted in a monotonous sing-song: "Good morning, Mrs. Stone. We hope you are well." It was the good morning salutation which, at the matron's orders, invariably greeted her as she made her morning rounds of the state orphanage asylum.

"Good morning, children," Mrs. Stone, the head matron of the asylum answered severely but automatically. She never spoke except severely, unless it happened that a trustee or a visitor was accompanying her.

"As a punishment for playing at your work you will spend an hour of your Saturday afternoon play-time in the weaving room. And Betsy, if I find your weaving all snarled up like it was last Saturday I'll lock you in the dark room without any supper. You're a great big girl, nearly six and a half years old, and you have to learn to work to earn your board and keep. As for you, Sally—well, I'm surprised at you! I thought I could depend on you better than this! Sixteen years old and still netting like a child and getting the younger children into trouble. Aren't you ashamed of yourself, Sally Ford?"

"Yes, Mrs. Stone," Sally answered meekly, her face that of a little old woman again; but her hands trembled as she gathered up the sheet which for a magic 10 minutes had been an ermine robe. "Now, Sally," continued the matron, moving down the long line of iron cots and inspecting them with a sharp eye, "don't let this happen again. I depend on you big girls to help me discipline the little ones. And by the way Sally, there's a new little girl. She just came this morning, and I'm having Miss Pond send her up to you. You have an empty bed in this dormitory, I believe."

"Yes, Mrs. Stone," Sally nodded. "Christine's bed." There was nothing in her voice to indicate that she had loved Christine more than any child she had ever had charge of.

"I suppose this new child will be snapped up soon," Mrs. Stone continued, her severe voice striving to be pleasant and conversational, for she was fond of Sally, in her own way. "She has yellow curls, though I suspect her

"It isn't a sapphire," Sally said dully, her brush beginning to describe new semi-circles on the pine floor. "It's like she said—just a piece of broken old bottle. And she said she'd try to find you a doll, Thelma."

"You said it was a sapphire, Sally. You said it was worth millions and millions of dollars. It was a sapphire, long as you said it was, Sally!" Thelma sobbed, as gripped for the loss of illusion as for the loss of her treasure.

"I reckon I'm foolish to go on play-acting all the time," Sally Ford said dully.

The three little girls and the 16-year-old "mother" of them scrubbed in silence, for several minutes, doggedly hurrying to make up for lost time. Then Thelma, who could never nurse grief or anger, spoke cheerfully:

"Reckon the new kid's getting' her physical zamination. When I come into the asylum you had to nearly boil me alive. 'N' Mrs. Stone cut off all my hair clean to the skin. 'N' on nobody wouldn't dopt me 'cause I looked like such a scarecrow. Bu I got lots of hair now, ain't I, Sal-lee?"

"Oh, somebody'll be adopting you first thing you know, and then I won't have any Thelma," Sally smiled at her.

"I know why Sally wasn't dopted," Thelma clamored for attention. "I heard Miss Pond say it was a sin and a shame the way old Stone-Face has kept Sally here, year, in, and year out, just 'cause she's so good to us little kids. Miss Pond said Sally is better'n any trained nurse when us kids get sick and that she does more than any 'big girl' they ever had here. That's why you ain't been dopted, Sally."



Sally.

mother, who has just died and who was a stock company actress, used her long, thick braid of black hair. Her nimble, thin fingers searched for and found three crimped wire hairpins which she secreted in the meshes of the plait. In a trice her small head was crowned with its own magnificent glory, the braid wound coronet-fashion over her ears and low upon her broad, white forehead.

"Say 'A royal queen am I,' six-year-old Betsy quipped, clasping her hands in ecstasy. "And don't forget to make up a verse about me, Sal-lee! I'm a princess! I've got on white satin and little red shoes, ain't I, Sal-lee?"

Sally was marching grandly up and down the barrack-like dormitory, holding Betsy's hand, the train of her "ermine robe" upheld by the two other little girls in faded gingham, and her dramatically deepened voice was chanting "verses" which she had composed on other such occasions and to which she was now adding, when the door was thrown open and a booming voice rang out:

"Sally Ford! What in the world does this mean? On a Saturday morning!"

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"I know it," Sally confessed in a low voice. "But I couldn't be mean to the babies, just so they'd want to get rid of me and let some body adopt me. Besides," she added, "I'm scared of people—out-side. I'm scared of all grown-up people, especially of all grown-up people, especially of all grown-up people, especially of all grown-up people."

"Thelma," she whirled severely upon the eight-year-old child, "what's this in your bed?" Her broad, heavy palm, sweeping expertly down the sheet-covered iron cot, had encountered something, a piece of broken blue bottle.

"It—it's mine," Thelma quivered, her tongue licking upward to catch the first salty tear. "I traded my broken doll for it. I look through it and it makes everything look pretty and blue," she explained desperately, in the institutional whine. "Oh, please let me keep it, Mrs. Stone!"

But the matron had tossed the bit of blue glass through the nearest window. "You'd cut yourself on it, Thelma," she justified herself in her stern voice. "I'll see if I can find another doll for you in the next box of presents that comes in. Now, don't cry like a baby. You're a great big girl. It was just a piece of broken old bottle. Well, Sally, you take charge of the new little girl. Make her feel at home. Give her a bath with that insect soap, and make a bundle of her clothes and take them down to Miss Pond."

She lifted her long, starched skirt as she stepped over one of the scrubber's puddles of water, then moved majestically through the door.

Clara, the nine-year-old orphan, stuck out her tongue as the white skirt swished through the door, then turned upon Sally, her little face sharp and ugly with hatred.

"Mean old thing! Always buttin' in! Can't let us have no fun at all! Some other kid'll find Thelma's sapphire and keep it offen her—"

WILBUR PLAYERS.

COMEDY SEASON BEGINS TO-NIGHT.

The popular American company, the Wilbur Players, whose previous visit to the Colony a year ago, is still remembered with keen pleasure, begin a faraway season in the Star Theatre at 9.15 to-night with the big Broadway hit, "The Sap," an amusing comedy which is entirely different from the film of that name. The story of "The Sap" deals with a supposed duffer who startles everyone in the end, and it is said to be highly diverting. "The Sap" will be repeated to-morrow night, being followed by "Handcuffed," on Thursday; "Three Live Ghosts," on Friday; "Her Wedding Night," on Saturday; "Charley's Aunt," on Sunday, with song, dance and music specialties; and for a grand faraway performance, "The Family Upstairs," on Monday night. Besides the performance on Sunday night, "Charley's Aunt" will be presented as a matinee at 5.30 on Sunday afternoon, when children will be admitted at half price. Admission is at the popular prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1 and booking is at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

charge of her, won't you, Sally dear?"

"Yes, Miss Pond," Sally answered automatically, but her arms were already yearning to gather the little bundle of elegance and tears and homesickness.

"And, Sally," Miss Pond said nervously, lowering her voice in the false hope that the weeping child might not hear her, "Mrs. Stone says her hair must be washed and then braided, like the other children's. Eloise tells us it isn't naturally curly, that her mother did it up on kid curlers every night. Her aunt's been doing it for her since her mother—died."

Because Eloise was a "new girl," Sally was permitted to keep her at her side after the noon dinner. It was Sally who showed her all the buildings of the big orphanage, pointed out the boys' dormitories, separated from the girls' quarters by the big kitchen garden; showed her the bare schoolrooms, in which Sally herself had just completed the third year of high school. It was Sally who proudly showed her the meagrely equipped gymnasium, the gift of a miraculously philanthropic session of the state legislature; it was Sally who conducted her through the many rooms devoted to hand crafts suited to girls—showing off a bit as she expertly manipulated a hand loom or ran a quick scam on a sewing machine.

Eloise's hot little hand clung tightly to Sally's on the long trip of inspection of her new "home." But her cry, hopeless and monotonous now, even taking on a little of the institutional whine, was still the same heartbroken protest she had uttered upon her arrival in the dormitory: "I don't want to be an orphan. I don't want to be an orphan, Sal-lee!"

"It ain't—I mean, isn't—so bad," Sally comforted her. "Sometimes we have lots of fun. And Christmas is awfully nice. Every girl gets an orange and a little bag of candy and a present. And we have turkey for dinner, and ice cream."

The two, Sally's heart already swelling with the sweet pain of having a new child to mother, Eloise's tear-redened eyes sparkling with anticipation, were hurrying up the path that led around the main building to the weaving rooms in which Sally was to work an extra hour as punishment for her morning's "play-acting," when Clara Hodges came shrieking from behind the building:

"Sal-lee! Sal-lee! Ford! Mrs. Stone wants you. In the office!" she added, her voice dropping slightly on a note of horror.

"What for?" Sally pretended grown up unconcern, but her face, which had been pretty and glowing a moment before, was dull and ill-situated and sullen again.

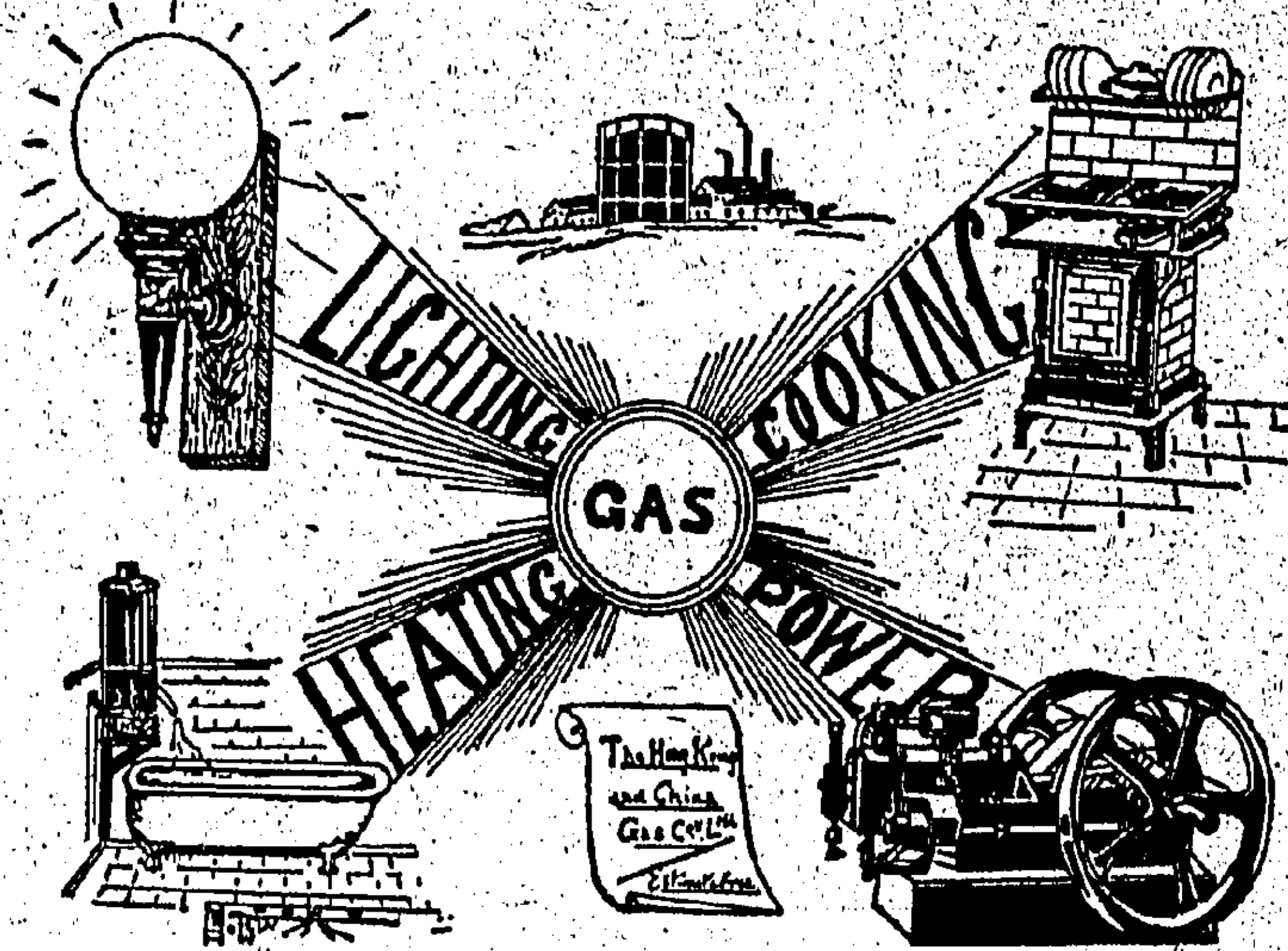
"There's a man—a farmer man—talking to Stone-Face, Clara whispered, her eyes furtive and mean as they darted about to see if she were overheard. "Oh, Sal-lee, don't let 'em dopt you! We wouldn't have nobody to play-act for us and tell us stories! Please, Sal-lee! Make faces at him when Stone-Face ain't lookin' so's he won't like you!"

"I'm too big to be adopted," Sally reassured her. "Nobody wants to adopt a 16-year-old girl. Here, you take Eloise to the weaving room with you."

Her voice was that of a managing, efficient, albeit loving mother, but when she turned toward the front steps of the main building, weighted with a fear which was reflected in her darkling blue eyes, and in the deepened pallor of her cheeks. But, oh, maybe it wasn't that! Why did she always have to worry about that—now that she was 16? Why couldn't she expect something perfectly lovely—like a father coming to claim his long-lost daughter? Maybe there'd be a mother, too—

The vision Sally Ford had conjured up fastened wings to her feet. She was breathless, glowing, when she arrived at the closed door of the "dread" office.

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LETTER GOLF
SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

B	A	B	Y
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At the conclusion of the enquiry at Singapore concerning the death of the late Father Mariette, who sustained fatal injuries as the result of a heavy plank falling on him from a height of about 100 feet, while he was inspecting the new Roman Catholic Church at Kampong Bahru, Mr. F. G. Bourne,

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the Coroner, stated that the Rev. Emile Mariette 68 years of age, died in the General Hospital at 9.40 p.m. on March 18, death being due to compound fracture of the skull. On the evidence before

the Court, stated the Coroner, death did not appear to have been due to any criminal negligence on the part of any person and he therefore returned a verdict of death by misadventure.

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SURVEY WORK.

H.M.S. HERALD ON VISIT TO MANILA.

H.M.S. Herald, British coast survey steamer, arrived in Manila last week enroute to Borneo. It was greeted on arrival by Colonel L. R. Sweet, aide to Governor General Sinton.

Arrangements have been made whereby the British coast surveyors working in Borneo waters will meet officers of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey now charting southern Philippine waters.

The British officers commend the work of the United States Coast Survey men, saying that a remarkable piece of work has been accomplished in a surprisingly short time.

The Herald itself is a boat that commands interest, says the Manila Times. It acted as a convoy of American ships bearing troops to France during the World War and conforms with the general run of convoy ships.

HONGKONG REALTY CO.

SIX MONTHS' PROFIT.

The report for presentation at the yearly meeting of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., to be held at Exchange Building at noon on April 13, states:

The Directors' box to submit their report with a statement of accounts for the six months ended on December 31, 1927.

The last statement of accounts presented was in respect of the year from July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1927, but the Directors have considered it advisable in the present instance to present a statement of accounts covering a period of six months, so that thereafter, subject to approval, the accounts of the Company may be closed on the more convenient date of December 31, in each year.

The profit on working account

COMMERCIAL FLYING.

INAUGURATION OF NEW AIR MAIL SERVICE.

The trial flight made by the Nationalist aeroplane, Chungshan No. 15, in connexion with the inauguration of the Shanghai Nanking air mail and passenger service, last Wednesday, proved to be very successful, according to Nanking telegrams to the Sinwatt.

The machine took off at 9 a.m., piloted by Capt. Chen Chih-shia, and arrived in the Nationalist capital two hours later. Mr. T. T. Koo, of the Sinwatt, was the only passenger and he reported to his paper later that there had been no mishaps in connexion with the flight.

The seaplanes which are to be used in connexion with the service will be tested in the near future.

According to the Chinese papers, the following statement has been issued by the Nationalist Aviation Bureau:

"Commercial flying has been the main aim of this Bureau and the formal inauguration of the proposed commercial air service took place on November 23 last year. The headquarters are in Nanking and there are branches in Canton, Shanghai and Hankow. Branch stations have been established in Foochow, Swatow, Amoy and Kuching.

"It is the aim of the Bureau to establish services between Shanghai and Nanking first. Following these, the line will be extended to Hangchow. Then a service will run between Shanghai and Hankow and, after that, the Shanghai-Canton service will be inaugurated.

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"This Bureau has three groups of Chinese pilots, each consisting of more than 10 men. Aerodromes have been erected and as soon as the materials arrive, the machines will be put together and the services will start.

"It is hoped, therefore, that this Bureau will obtain assistance not only from the Government but from the people as well."

for the period amounted to \$109,269.82.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account plus the amount of \$8,777.84 brought forward from last year, and setting aside \$8,584.09 for depreciation amounts to \$76,027.66, which your directors recommend be apportioned as follows:

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MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
LAHORE	5,252	7th May	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd May	Straits, C'ho B'bay, & Karachi
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June	Marseilles & London
HALIPORE	5,273	5th June	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
DELTA	8,097	9th June	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
INOVARA	6,989	16th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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HATIPARA	7,764	21st Apr.	Moji, Kobe, & Osaka
KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
TALMA	10,000	3rd May	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
HALIPORE	5,273	3rd May	Moji & Kobe
INOVARA	6,989	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok.
TANDA	6,656	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok.
DELTA	8,097	11th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
RANPURA	10,601	25th May	S'hai, Kobe & Yok.
NANKIN	7,058	5th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
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KHYBER	9,114	8th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
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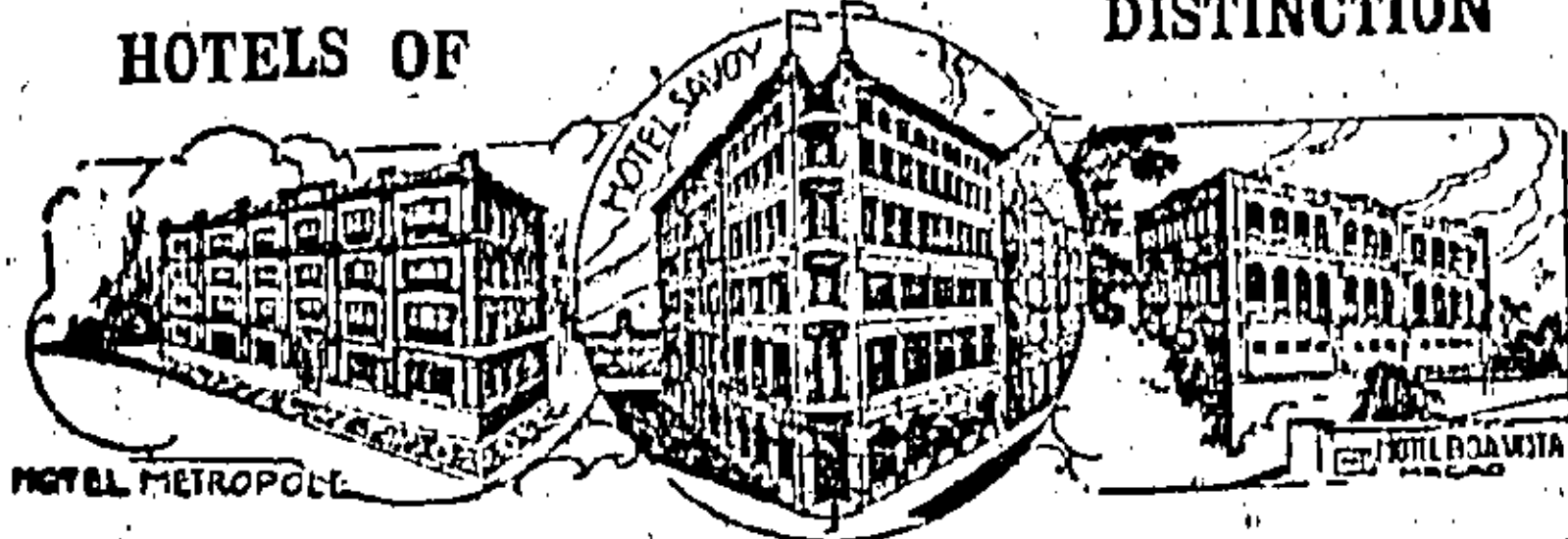
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BRITISH COTTON
INDUSTRY.PLEA FOR A GOVERNMENT
ENQUIRY.

OFFICIAL OBJECTION.

London, April 2.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Tom Shaw (Lab., Preston) opened a discussion on the depressed position of the Lancashire cotton trade and moved a resolution for an exhaustive Government enquiry, from the capitalisation of the mills to the marketing of the cloth.

Mr. Shaw pointed out that they heard a great deal, in connection with the cotton industry, of Japan and India, but he was very doubtful whether the Indian employer really had an advantage in actual wages cost over the employer in Britain.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, thought that a Government enquiry at present would be about the least hopeful thing for the Lancashire trade. He added that the report of the Balfour Committee, which would be published in a few weeks, comprised a complete review of the textile trade, and it would be followed by a final report making general recommendations with regard to policy.

He was of the opinion that a Government enquiry would immediately stifle activity and put the industry on the defence.—*Reuter.*

ROYAL OAK COURT
MARTIAL.

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officers remain to be called for the defence. The case cannot finish to-day.

Captain Dewar's Tribute.

In the course of his evidence, Captain Dewar emphasised that Commander Daniel's action in addressing the letter to him was the result of his (Captain Dewar's) orders. He paid a warm tribute to Commander Daniel's methods, and said that when he (Captain Dewar) arrived as the Executive Officer of H.M.S. Royal Oak he found it outwardly efficient, but in some ways it was "a sort of dead ship."

When Commander Daniel was given his appointment, he entirely altered the situation. "The men became happier and the officers were much keener. The battleship became generally more efficient and a pleasant ship to command."

Intense Indignation.

Commander Brownlow and Lieut. Commr. O'Donnell gave evidence that they were consulted by Commander Daniel regarding specific points of his letter. They both agreed entirely with the contents.

Lieut. Commr. Murray declared in evidence that the incident at the dance caused intense indignation among the officers.

The proceedings were adjourned.—*Reuter.*

POPE AND MUSSOLINI.

CENTRE PARTY STRONGLY
CONDEMNED.

Rome, Mar. 26.
Pope Pius, in a short address to-day before the Diocesan Board, disclosed that he does not share the optimism recently expressed by Mussolini regarding the ultimate solution of the Roman Question.

He rather strongly condemned the attitude of the National Centre Party, composed of Catholics favourable to the present regime in Italy, because of the party's complete surrender to the regime, which, he said, after all represents the change in Italy, to which the spoilation of the Pope was due.

The publication of the Pope's address in *Osservatore Romano*, official organ of the Vatican, had a bombshell effect in political and ecclesiastical circles.—*Associated Press.*

HEAVY FIGHTING IN
NORTH.REPORTED DEFEAT OF
FENGTIEN FORCES.

Shanghai, Apr. 2.
It is reported from Shihsiang that heavy fighting between General Sun Lin-chung's Kuomintang forces and the Fengtien troops under General Yu Shao-tsung occurred on March 28th.

The fighting lasted for nearly 24 hours and resulted in the Fengtien troops being badly defeated.

The official report claims that the heavy losses were suffered by the Fengtien forces, whose General narrowly escaped. Nam Chung Pao.

HUDDERSFIELD IN
AT LAST.JACKSON SCORES IN
SECOND HALF.MEET BLACKBURN ROVERS
AT WEMBLEY.

ENGLISH CUP FINAL.

London, April 2.
Huddersfield Town qualified to meet Blackburn Rovers in the final of the F. A. Cup at Wembley by defeating Sheffield United to-day by 1-0. The match was played on the Manchester City ground before a huge attendance.

Jackson, Huddersfield's Scottish international outside-right, scored the goal eight minutes after the interval. The teams had met twice before without achieving a definite result, the first match ending in a 2-2 score, while the replay proved goalless.—*Reuter.*

Huddersfield, who bid fair to win the League Championship and the Cup in the same season, have had a brilliant run of success since the War. For three years in succession they won the League, the sequence being broken last season, when Newcastle beat them into second place.

Previous Achievements.

They had twice previously reached the final of the struggle for the coveted Cup, losing in 1919-20 to Aston Villa by 1-0. They were then a Second Division team. In 1921-22 they again reached the final, and this time succeeded in defeating Preston North End by one goal to nil.

Blackburn Rovers have reached the final for the first time since 1890, prior to which they had a remarkable Cup success.

It is of considerable interest to note that since they were beaten by the Old Etonians in the final, way back in 1881-82, they have appeared in the final five times and have won it five times.

The Teams' Progress.

The progress of the finalists to Wembley on April 24th, is as under:—

Blackburn.

3rd Round v. Newcastle	(h)	4	1
4th Round v. Exeter	(a)	2	2
Replay v. Exeter	(h)	3	1
5th Round v. Port Vale	(h)	2	1
6th Round v. Man. U.	(h)	2	0
Semi-final v. Arsenal		1	0
		14	5

Huddersfield.

2nd Round v. Lincoln	(h)	4	2
4th Round v. West Ham	(h)	2	1
5th Round v. Middlesbrough	(h)	4	0
6th Round v. Tottenham	(h)	0	1
Semi-final v. Sheffield U.		2	2
Replay v. Sheffield U.		0	0
Replay v. Sheffield U.		1	0
		19	6

London, Apr. 2.

In the Scottish League to-day, Raith Rovers drew with the Rangers, no goals being scored.—*Reuter.*

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.



Viscount Trematon, youthful son of the Earl of Athlone, who has been badly hurt in a motor accident in France. One of his friends was killed.

FINE WEATHER COMING.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone over China has spread southward. The depression over the South China Sea has built up. The apex of a v-shaped depression lies over the Loochoos. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China, and over the North China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, moderate; overcast at first, fine later.

WILL LI CHAI-SUM
RETURN?REPORTS OF INTENTIONS
STILL DIFFER.

CANTON'S REQUESTS.

Reports from Nanking and Canton regarding the intentions of Marshal Li Chai-sum are again conflicting.

A Chinese cable from Shanghai yesterday declared that since the departure for the front on Sunday, of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Marshal Li Chai-sum has become the chief administrator of military affairs in Nanking. He is reported to have informed the Nanking Chinese press that in view of the commencement of the Northern Expedition he would not be able to leave Nanking for the time being, pointing out that Canton affairs are in the able hands of Generals Wang Shao-hung and Mr. Chi-tau, acting Chairman of the Canton Political Council, who should be able to preserve order in the southern metropolis.

However, according to statements by intimate friends of Marshal Li, he is now making preparations to leave for Canton, in view of the receipt of many telegrams urging his immediate return.

A Canton report says that a telegram by Mr. Lai Man-yam, the private secretary of Marshal Li, reached Canton yesterday to the effect that two days ago in Nanking, when Marshal Li took the oath as Chief of Staff to the Nationalist Army, he made it clear that on his return to Canton, General Ho Ying-ching would act for him in Nanking. The same telegram stated that Marshal Li and General Chan Ming-shih would both return to Canton very soon.

TESTS FOR "GRAND
DUCHESS."TSAR'S GOVERNESS NOW IN
ENGLAND.

Can the woman who claims to be the Grand Duchess Anastasia, a daughter of the late Tsar of Russia, draw caricatures—a talent not likely to be lost with the passage of years.

Will the claimant allow herself to be examined by the Grand Duchess's old governess?

These two tests would play an important part in proving the authenticity of the claim, of the woman now the guest in the United States of Mrs. William B. Leeds, formerly known as Princess Xenia of Greece.

Miss Margaretta Eagar, who was nursery governess to the Imperial Family, is now in England. Miss Eagar, who is the daughter of an Army captain, was with the Romanoff children for many years. She knows the "body marks" of each of the Grand Duchesses, and her evidence on this point would be of the greatest importance.

What should prove an equally conclusive test was disclosed to a *Morning Post* representative in London recently by Mrs. E. J. Franks, of Guildford. Mrs. Franks made the following statement:—

"In 1911 I was in St. Petersburg on my way to Ekaterinburg to see my sister. I stayed with Miss Mottershead, whose guest at that time was the English tutor of the Tsar's daughters. His name was Mr. Epps."

"He told me that lessons were always in English, and that the Tsarina was generally present. He suggested that the girls were not particularly clever, but they all had one marked gift—that of being able to draw caricatures."

"Mr. Epps told me at the time that this sometimes proved rather trying to him, for they would get up from the table, go to the Palace windows and draw caricatures of the people passing by. Further, all their lesson papers would be covered with drawings."

"I was at St. Petersburg the same year as the Bishop of London, and I know that he went to see Miss Mottershead, who was an invalid and too old to go to church. He also, no doubt, met Mr. Epps."

An Avro-Avian light aeroplane, of the type used by Mr. Bert Hinkler in his record flight to Australia, is to be placed on exhibition at the Science Museum, South Kensington.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—
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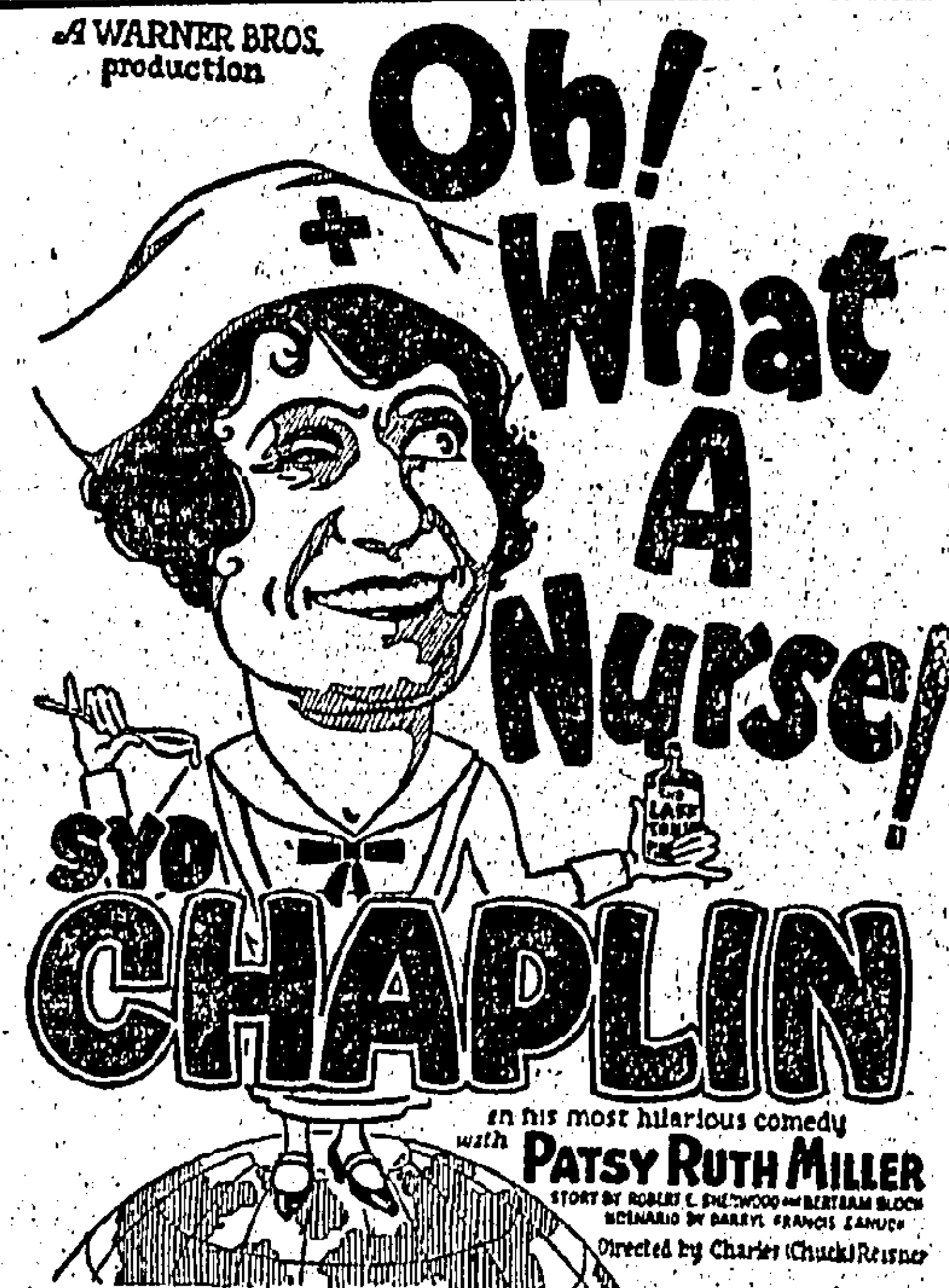
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